

THE GOODE OLE' DAYS?????

Learning Objective(s): the student will

1. Compare 1905 with 2005 culturally, socially, and politically
2. Complete a Venn diagram of the key aspects of comparison

TEKS: US.2A; US.29B

Materials Needed: A copy of the chart and Venn diagram for each student; access to the Internet or library for research.

Teaching Strategy:

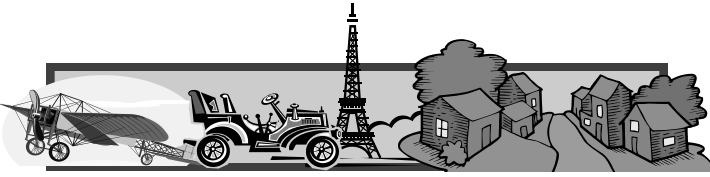
1. Ask the students what they think when they hear people talk about the “good ole’ days?”
2. Hand out the chart of facts about the year 2005 and have the students read and react to them.
3. Have the students research the facts to find out the corresponding 2005 fact for each.
4. Let the student select several key facts to use to fill out the Venn diagram showing at least two similarities and three or four differences.

Note: Robert Marzano reports in Classroom Instruction that Works that having students find similarities and differences is the most powerful strategy a teacher can use to improve student learning and achievement.

GT/Pre-AP Extension: Students can be asked to predict selected corresponding facts for the years 2025, 2050, and 3005.

The Good Ole' Days

Directions: Read each fact about life in the 1905 and find the corresponding fact about life in 2005.



The life expectancy in the United States was 47 years.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

With a mere $\frac{1}{4}$ million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel tower!

The average wage in the United States was 22 cents an hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the United States took place at home.

Sugar cost four cents a pound, eggs were fourteen cents a dozen, and coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

The five leading causes of death in the United States in order were: Pneumonia and Influenza, Tuberculosis, Diarrhea, Heart Disease, and Stroke.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the United States.