

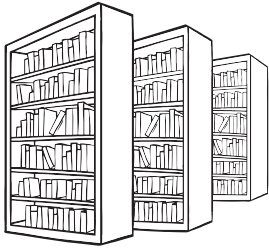
# American History



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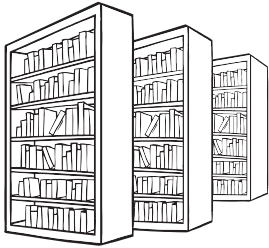
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- 4 Sometimes Cesar's strikes were successful. Other times, they did not work. But something important happened. America became aware of the problems Cesar was talking about. People began to listen to Cesar. Things got better for the farm workers. Because of his work, Cesar Chavez is still well respected today. If you measured his success in things other than money, Cesar was a very rich man.

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**America listened to Cesar and became aware of the farm workers' problems.**

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**Answers will vary. Possible response: Stand up for what you know is right. Use your mind and experiences to make the world a better place.**



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Some early pioneer farmers thought the best place to plant was in a forest. But the soil in a forest is often rocky and sandy. While some still think this is true, other farmers think grassy plains are better. The tall grass in open areas has rich soil. But tall grass is hard to cut.

Crops should be picked in spring, summer, and fall. Older children can help with this job. In spring and summer, they can cut grain crops such as wheat. Children can also help with the threshing, or beating, of the wheat.

You should ask yourself three questions when deciding when and where to plant. How easy will it be to work the land? How much sun will my fields get? How well will water in the soil drain? Each year, you might have to change your plans slightly. This will help you grow plentiful crops year after year!

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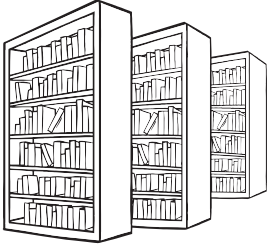
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4. Which word means “to stay”?

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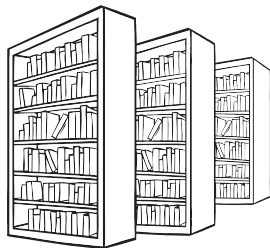
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## Compare and Contrast Ideas

**Directions:** Read the magazine article. Then use the words in the Word Bank to complete the chart below. The first one has been done for you.

### Toys of Yesterday and Today

Most kids today like to play with toys. Pioneer children liked to play with toys too! Some of the toys they played with are similar to modern toys. Other pioneer toys are very different from modern toys. Have you ever thought about toys from the past? Come along and learn about the toys of yesterday and today.

Children in the 1800s played with some of the same toys kids play with today. For example, they played with blocks and dolls. They also had small toy animals and trains like modern children do. They also liked to do some of the same things modern kids like to do for fun. For example, pioneer kids liked to play make-believe. They also liked to build things.

Some pioneer toys were made out of the same materials as modern toys. Like their modern-day relatives, pioneer toys were made out of wood, cloth, and metal.

Pioneer children often made their own toys. They used things they could find easily. For example, dolls were made from apple cores and cornhusks. Pioneer toys were usually plain and simple. Children or adults made the toys by carving wood. Few pioneer families could afford to buy toys.

Today, children usually buy their toys at the store. Most modern

toys are made by machines in materials such as plastic. The blocks a pioneer child played with were usually made of wood. Today's blocks are often made of cloth or plastic. Modern blocks, unlike pioneer blocks, are usually brightly painted. Modern toys often come neatly wrapped in boxes or bags.

Toys have changed over the years. But one thing has remained constant. Children still enjoy playing with toys!

## Word Bank

plastic    homemade    brightly painted    cornhusks    cloth  
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## Compare and Contrast Ideas

**Directions:** Read the magazine article. Then use the words in the Word Bank to complete the chart below. The first one has been done for you.

### Toys of Yesterday and Today

Most kids today like to play with toys. Pioneer children liked to play with toys too! Some of the toys they played with are similar to modern toys. Other pioneer toys are very different from modern toys. Have you ever thought about toys from the past? Come along and learn about the toys of yesterday and today.

Children in the 1800s played with some of the same toys kids play with today. For example, they played with blocks and dolls. They also had small toy animals and trains like modern children do. They also liked to do some of the same things modern kids like to do for fun. For example, pioneer kids liked to play make-believe. They also liked to build things.

Some pioneer toys were made out of the same materials as modern toys. Like their modern-day relatives, pioneer toys were made out of wood, cloth, and metal.

Pioneer children often made their own toys. They used things they could find easily. For example, dolls were made from apple cores and cornhusks. Pioneer toys were usually plain and simple. Children or adults made the toys by carving wood. Few pioneer families could afford to buy toys.

Today, children usually buy their toys at the store. Most modern

toys are made by machines in materials such as plastic. The blocks a pioneer child played with were usually made of wood. Today's blocks are often made of cloth or plastic. Modern blocks, unlike pioneer blocks, are usually brightly painted. Modern toys often come neatly wrapped in boxes or bags.

Toys have changed over the years. But one thing has remained constant. Children still enjoy playing with toys!

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## Using Question-and-Answer Relationships

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The statue arrived at Bedloe's Island in pieces. The pieces had been packed in 214 crates. Each piece had to be carefully removed. Next, a huge concrete base was built. Then workers had to put the statue back together. It was a very difficult job.

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For many years after she arrived on American shores, Lady Liberty greeted newcomers. People came to America through New York Harbor. They came from all over the world to start a new life. The statue was and remains an important symbol of freedom and hope for Americans.

The Statue of Liberty continues to be a gift to everyone who sees her. She still greets visitors. Today groups of tourists still line up to see her. Visitors mention how excited they are to see the famous statue.

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  - C. freedom and hope
  - D. a gift of excitement
  
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  - C. "telling people some information."
  - D. "telling people about their presents."

4. Why did France give the statue to America?

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