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Lesson 12

Past and Present

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- describe how people, families, and communities can change over time
- compare and contrast how people lived in the past to how they live today

Academic Vocabulary

Review the following vocabulary words and their meanings.

- **home:** the place where a person lives
- **rural:** an area that is not a town or city and that usually has more open land or farms
- **transportation:** moving people or things from one place to another

IN THE REAL WORLD



Work with your instructor to research the Birr Castle Gardens and Science Center. This castle is located in Ireland. It was built in the 1500s! That was a long time ago!

Take a look at the rooms. Look at the grounds. Talk with your instructor about what you think it would be like to live in a castle like this.

EXPLORE

People can have different types of homes. A **home** is a place where someone lives. Homes are found all over the world. They can be different sizes and shapes. They can be made of different things.

Homes have also changed over time. Homes from the past may not look like our homes today. Look at the pictures below. They show homes built in the past. Pick one of the homes below. Then, answer the following question: How is this home the same and different from your home? Write your answers on the lines below.



One-Room House from the 1800s



Castle from the 1300s

This home is the same as mine because

..... •

This home is different from mine because

..... •

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

Long ago, homes were made with different materials like:

- stone
- clay
- mud
- wood

Today, homes can still be made with these materials. They are also made with different materials, like metal and steel. This makes many homes stronger and sturdier.

What materials is your home made out of?

.....

.....

.....

Family Homes: Past and Present

The homes you just saw may not look like homes near you. Homes have changed since this time, but people have homes for the same reasons. It is a place where you live. It is also a place where you should feel safe and protected. Let's look at how homes have changed over time.



Yurt in Mongolia

Long ago, many families had homes they could take with them. Families would move so their animals could find food. They would move based on the weather or seasons.

Today, many people who have homes stay in one place. They don't move it. Yet some people still move their homes. Some people in Mongolia have homes called yurts. They move them so their animals can find grass and food to eat.



Townhouses in a Neighborhood

In the past, many families built their homes themselves. Often, the homes needed to be built quickly to keep families safe and out of the weather. Many homes built long ago only had one room. Families kept close to stay safe and warm.

Today, some people still build their own homes. Some people buy homes. Others have them built. Many houses have lots of rooms instead of one.



Hut from the Past

What is one way homes from the past and present are the same?

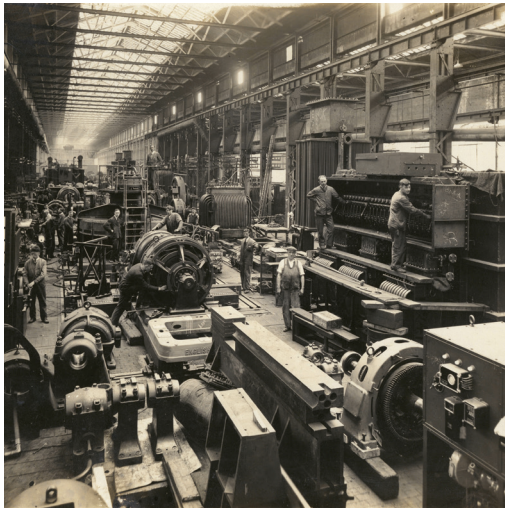
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Jobs: Past and Present

Hundreds of years ago, many areas around the world were small towns or groups of farms. Some people grew crops and raised animals. Others made things like tools, cloth, or pottery to sell.

As cities grew, many people moved to them. Most people in cities became factory workers. They used machines to help make things, like parts for ships. Other people worked in construction. They helped build tall buildings, homes, and even railroads.

In the past, children as young as five worked in city factories. Some got hurt or sick while working. Today, most places have laws that say you have to be older to get a job.



People still work in factories. They might make some different things than in the past. Factory workers can now make cell phones, cars, and computers. Newer machines help factory workers make things quicker.

Not everyone moved to cities. In rural areas, many people were still farmers. A **rural** area is an area that is not a big town or city. It usually has more open land or farms. Today, farming is still a job many people do in rural areas. Farmers may use different machines now to help them plant or pick crops faster.

Many jobs from the past are still jobs today. They might be done differently. They might use different tools or materials. Here are jobs that people have been doing for hundreds of years or more:

- farmer
- teacher
- doctor
- fisherman
- sailor

WRITE

Would you rather work in a factory or on a farm?

I would rather work _____ because

.....
.....

Communities and Transportation: Past and Present

Long ago, many communities were small. People often knew almost everyone they lived near. Today, many communities are large. People in large towns and cities often don't know everyone they live near. Communities in rural areas can be smaller. People may still know most of the people that live around them.

In the past, people in communities grew their own food. They made their own clothes and supplies. They did not have big stores like many areas do today. Now, many people buy their food at grocery stores. They may buy other things they want and need at stores or online.

In the past, transportation was different.

Transportation means moving people or things from one place to another. People in communities traveled by walking or riding an animal like a horse or camel. They might have taken a ship or boat if they needed to cross an ocean or river. It took a long time to travel to different places.

When the train and car were invented, people started using them to travel. Today, people can travel by car, train, bus, ship, or plane. They can get to different places much quicker. A trip that might have taken months in the past can now take a couple of days.



REVIEW

In this lesson, you learned:

- People, families, and communities can change over time.
- People in the past lived differently from how people live today.
- Transportation and the types of homes and jobs people have can change over time.

Think About It

Do you think you would have enjoyed living long ago? Why or why not?

PRACTICE

Think about what you have learned about the past and present. Draw a picture in the “Long Ago” box to show something about the past. Draw a picture in the “Today” box to show something about the present. Your pictures should show how homes, jobs, communities, or transportation have changed over time.

Long Ago

Today

CREATE

On another piece of paper, draw a picture of what life would be like long ago. Include what you have learned about homes, jobs, communities, and transportation in the past.



Small Community Long Ago

Circle all the correct answers.

1. What is one way people's homes have changed over time?
 - A. In the past, many people had homes that they moved around. Today, most people have a home that stays in one place.
 - B. In the past, people used steel to build their homes. Today, people can only build homes with stone.
 - C. In the past, many homes only had one room. Today, many homes have different rooms.
2. How are homes from the past the same as homes today?
 - A. People build homes only in areas with bad weather.
 - B. People build homes to feel safe and protected.
 - C. Everyone lives in a home called a yurt.
3. How are the jobs people work today different from the jobs people worked in the past?
 - A. Factory workers may make different things in factories, like computers.
 - B. People do not farm anymore.
 - C. Children are allowed to work in factories today.
4. What jobs do people do today that they also did long ago?
 - A. video game maker
 - B. farmers
 - C. fisherman
5. How are communities different today than they were long ago?
 - A. Everyone grows their own food.
 - B. Many people buy their food and other things they need in stores.
 - C. People know everyone in their communities.
6. What is one way people travel today that they did not use long ago?
 - A. riding a horse
 - B. walking
 - C. flying on an airplane

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