



# Victorian Children

The late 19th century is often referred to as the Victorian era. During this time, changing technology and the railroad made life a bit easier. People could now buy many necessities instead of making everything by hand. Victorian children were still expected to help around the house, but there was also more time for play and for school!

## Toys

Victorian children had many toys to choose from! Toys could be ordered from a catalogue or bought from a general store. Find these toys at the **General Store on Main Street!**



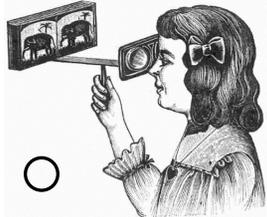
Miniature Tea Set



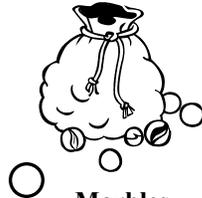
Toy Train



Fancy Doll



Stereoscope to look at 3D pictures.



Marbles

## Games

Girls and boys would also play games to pass the time. Here is a simple parlor game you can play with your friends!

### Hunt the Slipper

Players sit in a circle with their hands behind their backs. One person in the center of the circle is to “hunt the slipper” (the slipper can be a shoe or any object). The person in the middle closes their eyes while the slipper is passed around the circle. When the person opens their eyes they have to guess who has the slipper. If he or she guesses right, then the person holding the slipper is now the hunter!



In the late 19th century, it became more common for children to go to school all year long. Visit **Renner School**. Younger children sat in the front of the classroom and older children in the back. The oldest children had class upstairs, or in the “high school.”

Kids studied reading, writing, math, geography and proper manners.

Find a **McGuffey’s Reader** and read **page 65**.  
This is a list of proper manners for Victorian children.

If Victorian children misbehaved they would be punished by getting a spanking, being put in the corner, or being sent to bed without dinner!



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**Answer to History Puzzler:** In 1852 there were 20 people living in the Log Cabin!

# A Texas Childhood

Discover what life was like for little girls and boys growing up in the 1800s!



## Little Pioneers

Having a successful farmstead took a lot of work and children were expected to help. Younger children would feed animals, gather eggs and weed the garden. Older children would learn more difficult tasks. Growing little girls learned to sew, knit and cook. Boys learned to hunt, plow and repair farm equipment.

**What chores do you do at home?**

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## Miller Log House

Pioneer boys and girls only went to school in the winter and summer between planting and harvest seasons, if at all. They were mostly taught at home by their parents.

Visit the **Miller Log House**. Mr. Miller, an early Dallas settler, invited a teacher to live with his family and teach his children. Children from other farms also came to learn from Mrs. Gray. This log house was one of the first schools in Dallas!



William Brown Miller

History Puzzler: Use the clues to find out how many people lived in **Miller Log House** in 1852.

**Clue 1:** William Brown Miller came to Texas in 1846 with his **wife** and **6** children.

**Clue 2:** 1 child is married and lives in his own home.

**Clue 3:** A new Miller **girl** is born in 1848.

**Clue 4:** In 1846, Mr. Miller owns **4** slaves.

**Clue 5:** In 1852, the Millers hire **Mrs. Gray** to live and teach at the Miller Log House.

**Clue 6:** 7 children from nearby farms come to live with the Miller family so they can learn from Mrs. Gray.

In 1852, there were \_\_\_\_\_ people living in  
the **Miller Log House!**

Answer to puzzle on back.