

Coversheet

"Back to the Future" Bicentennial Essay Contest

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“Back to the Future”

What Life Was Like as a Child in Mt. Clemens in 1818

Hey! Have you ever wondered what your home town, Mount Clemens, was like in 1818? Well, you came to the right place to learn about Mount Clemens, it's history, the houses, school, and playing with your friends.

Today when you get home from school, you would play with your friends or find something else to do for fun. But in 1818, you played outside games like Baseball. A lot of boys played baseball in 1818 for fun. They also played table games like cards and Dominoes. They played a lot of games as kids.

At home in 2018, kids have to do homework and then probably help make dinner. But in 1818 home was a lot different from today. At home in 1818, you lived in an old, dull, bulky, small house. You also had farm animals in your backyard. For instance, you had chickens for eggs and meat and cows for milk, beef, and more.

Today and back in 1818, we all went to school to get a good education. But, students rarely got a good education in 1818. In 1818 when you got in trouble, you got paddled by your teacher with a racket—or as they called it, “disciplined.” Also, your teacher spent a few days a month living at your house because your teacher was a young woman and did not really own her own house. Today, some schools give you a free lunch or you bring your own from home. Well, in 1818, you brought a potato to lunch! The older boys would go outside to get wood for a fire to cook the potatoes.

You finally know what life was like as a child in 1818. Now you can tell everyone you know how life was for a child in the year 1818 in Mount Clemens.