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Post- Trip Lesson Plan School Life Vocabulary

Instructions: Review the vocabulary below, and then complete the worksheet.

- a. **Abacus:** a counting device consisting of a frame holding parallel rods strung with movable beads; used in a 19th century school house to help teach arithmetic
- b. **Lunch Buckets:** similar to a lunch box today, in 1898 lunches were brought from home in a tin pail. These lunches would consist of leftovers, biscuits, sweet potatoes, or perhaps fried chicken if they were lucky.
- c. **Arithmetic:** a section of math which consists of adding, and subtracting. Arithmetic problems in school would relate to possible career choices in the future.
- d. **Boarding:** a teacher would often “board” or live with a local family to teach. Boarding consists of a place to sleep and meals.
- e. **Dictation:** apart of a common school lesson for the time period. The teacher would say a word and the students would have to write or say the word. Another method is by memorizing a passage, poem, or song then reciting what you have memorized out loud.
- f. **McGuffey’s Reader:** a common textbook used during the time period, the family would need either to purchase this textbook or share a textbook with another family.
- g. **Moral Lessons:** lessons to teach the students the difference between what is right and what is wrong. These would often be included in the fables and short stories the students were reading.
- h. **Slate:** a small calk board used by the students, since paper was expensive. Students would practice their writing and arithmetic on these boards.

Write a short narrative using the vocabulary words: Moral Lessons, Arithmetic, Dictation, and Abacus. Underline each vocabulary word.



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Using the Space below draw a picture of the remaining vocabulary words:

Slate: Draw a picture of a slate and what you may write on slate.

Boarding: Draw a picture of where someone who is boarding may stay and what they would eat.

Lunch Buckets: Draw a picture of a lunch bucket, and what kinds of food would be in the lunch bucket.