

1800S CHILDREN GAMES PROGRAM

HISTORY • CLASS 2-A

DATE

TOPIC -

OBJECTIVES

COMMON CORE STANDARDS

LESSON ACTIVITIES

Settler Relay potato sack races, butter churning, jacks, hoop rolling, maybe stations? Checkers, marbles, Duck duck gray duck

RESOURCES

- <https://gamenightmaven.com/35-pioneer-games-for-pioneer-day-and-trek/>
- <https://www.connectsavannah.com/savannah/how-did-minnesota-diverge-linguistically-from-duck-duck-goose-to-duck-duck-gray-duck/Content?oid=6476780>
- <https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/29486/brief-history-marbles-including-all-marble-slang>
- <https://classroom.synonym.com/childrens-games-in-the-18th-century-13583117.html>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Why do you think some of your favorite games have remained popular?
- What's your favorite game?
- Vote on favorite games?
- What do you think life would be like without TV or electricity?

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INTRO

Children have always played games and the 1800s were no different. Kids at this time didn't have tv or even electricity in their homes so they had to play games to entertain themselves. Many of these games are still played today and are popular.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- TV's were invented in 1926
- Homes didn't start to have electricity until the 1890s
- A majority of people in minnesota were farmers

START WITH A POLL OF WHO PLAYS DUCK DUCK GOOSE VS. DUCK DUCK GREY DUCK

DUCK DUCK GOOSE VS DUCK DUCK GREY DUCK DEBATE/ ORIGIN

Scandanavian immigrant brought over the Duck duck grey duck variant. Swedish immigrants call duck duck goose, "anka-anka-grå-anka" which means duck duck grey duck. They also say "anka-anka-gås" which translates to duck duck goose. But the grey duck variation was what crossed the ocean into Minnesota.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE OLDEST GAME?

TALK ABOUT HOW SOME GAMES HAVE REMAINED POPULAR

Kids learn how to play mostly from their parents or other adults which means many games are passed down from parents to child. I'm sure many of us remember our parents teaching us games when we were younger.

Some games have a deeper meaning in some cases and reflect skills that are needed to be a productive member of society or even survive. An example of this could be tag which teaches us to evade a predator.

Many games that have remained popular seem to have simple rules and are exciting with some competitive aspect.

HAVE ANY OF YOU HEARD OF MARBLES OR PICK UP STICKS?

MARBLES

Marbles have been around since the ancient Greeks and Romans and to this day are still being played. Marbles were very important in the middle ages in Europe and a popular game. It's worth pointing out that marbles in this time were just balls of clay and weren't mass produced. Starting In the mid 1800s they began to be produced in quantity in Germany and eventually the U.S. which led to marbles being affordable for everyone and the game of marbles becoming even more popular. The popularity of marbles has declined since that time but marbles are still being mass produced and being played to this day.

JACKSTRAWS(PICK-UP STICKS)

A game played with a pile of straws or thin sticks, with the players attempting in turn to remove a single stick without disturbing the others(Kind of like Jenga). Named after one of the leaders of the peasants revolt in 1381 in England whose name was Jack Straw.