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*Ghostville Elementary series*

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Ozzie and Becky went to a one-room school where all ages learned together in one classroom. There was no cafeteria. Each student brought their lunch in a pail or metal lunchbox. Their bathroom was an outhouse way behind the well pump. Even in the coldest weather, the kids had to go out to the unheated bathroom where there was no running water—only a hole in the ground with a wooden seat. Sometimes, if they were lucky they got to use a Sears-Roebuck catalog for toilet paper. It is much easier today to go to the bathroom at school! If students misbehaved, they were either spanked or sat in the corner with a dunce cap on their head. Some things about a one-room schoolhouse were hard, but often the children and teacher became like one big happy family.

1. The paragraph above would best belong in which of the following?
  - a. History of Sears-Roebuck catalog
  - b. A book about Indians
  - c. A story about typewriters
  - d. A story about one-room schoolhouses
  
2. Which of the following is an opinion?
  - a. In a one-room school, many children of different ages learned together.
  - b. In cold weather, water will freeze.
  - c. It is much easier today to go to the bathroom at school.
  - d. Kids often walked or rode horses to school many years ago.
  - e. Outhouses were not very fun to use.
  
3. Would you rather go to your school or to a one-room schoolhouse? Why?

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Imagine that you are a new ghost in the *Ghostville Elementary* series. Complete the form below to send a ghost to school!

1. What is the name of your ghost?
2. Describe what your ghost looks like.
3. What does your ghost like to do?
4. What does your ghost like to play?

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1. The game of basketball was introduced in 1891 and was played with a soccer ball and two peach baskets. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Barking at a knot used to mean wasting your time. \_\_\_\_\_
3. A spider was a three-legged frying pan used for cooking over a kitchen fire. \_\_\_\_\_
4. A hundred years ago computers were in black and white. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Cell phones were invented recently, but telephones were available in 1837. \_\_\_\_\_
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Answers: First three are true. Second three are false. 4. There were no computers a hundred years ago-typewriters were invented in 1843. 5. Telephones were not until 1876. 6. The first dime novel cost ten cents in 1860.

ANSWER SHEET