

Getting into the Spirit of the Day

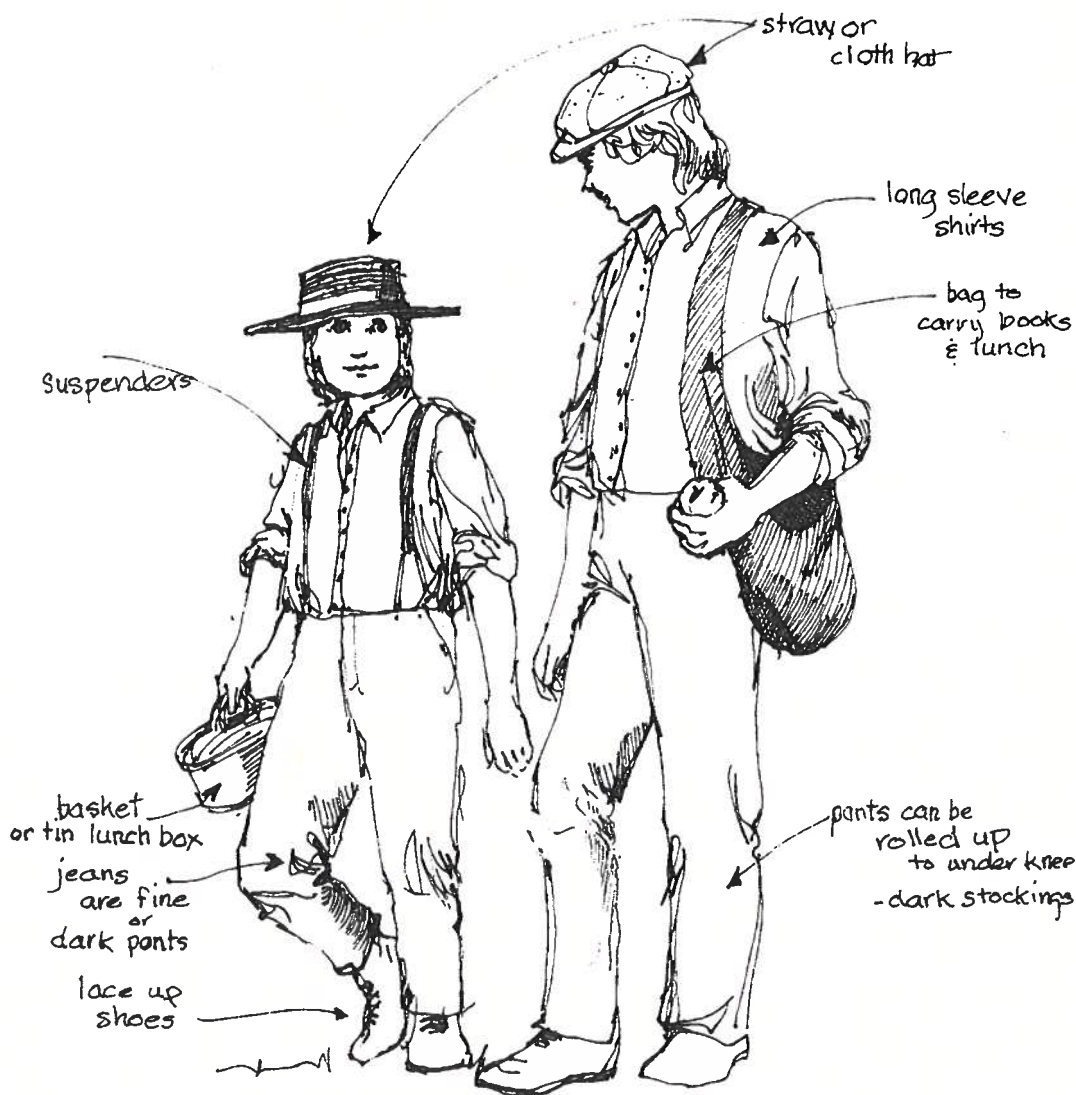
Students will get more out of the experience if they look and act like Victorian school children. Here are some suggestions for getting into the spirit of the day:

Lunches:

During the Victorian period they didn't have cling wrap, plastic containers or drink boxes since they hadn't been invented yet. Wrap your lunch items in a napkin or piece of cloth and carry it in a brown paper bag, a basket or a leather or cloth sack (a pillowcase or cloth shoebag will do nicely). A glass bottle can be used to hold your drink.

Clothing:

Boys in this time period would wear buttoned shirts, sometimes with suspenders, and pants/jeans. They often wore a hat, but never baseball caps.



Girls wore dresses or skirts but never pants. Overtop of their dress, they often wore a pinafore which looks like a big apron (see the image below). If you have a man's dress shirt that you don't need anymore, you can make your own pinafore by following the directions below:



Girls' hair was worn either in braids or just the top half of the hair was tied back in a ribbon (this will hide your elastic) with the rest of the hair left long at the back (see the illustration below).



Teachers:

Female teachers of this time period would often wear a white cotton blouse with a high neck and long sleeves, a piece of jewellery at the neck and a long, dark ankle length skirt. They wore lace up boots with a heel on their feet. They would have a drawstring bag or basket to carry their lunch, watch and anything else they needed.

Male teachers wore a white dress shirt, a dark vest and dark pants and a cravat. Their shoes were simple dark lace up shoes. They did not wear a wrist watch but rather had a pocket watch.

