

Mrs Smith's School Days

Object Lesson

Mrs Smith went to school during Victorian and early Edwardian eras. She started school in around 1897, and she left school in 1906.

Victorian schools were very different to the schools of today. You can learn more about Victorian schools, and Mrs Smith memories of going to school, in a resource pack on our website.

An object lesson would have been used by teachers to help pupils develop a range of different skills, on a variety of topics.

You will need:

- 1 Object (anything from around the home or from the garden)
- Pens and Pencils
- Rulers and Measuring Tapes
- A Notebook or Plain Paper

The Lesson:

Simply set the object you have chosen up on a table, the pupils will then spend the next 20/30/40 minutes (depending on age) inspecting the object and taking as many notes as possible about it.

See how many of these questions you can answer:

- What colours are on the object?
- What does the object look like? Can you draw the object?
- What size is it? What are the measurements?
- Write down all of the textures on the object? What does it feel like?
- Is it heavy? Can you weigh it?
- Is the item natural or man made?
- What might the object do? How might it be used?
- Can you describe the object in a paragraph?

