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Jefferson Street Geography Bee Video - Discussion:

1. The Jefferson Street School began in 1885 and closed in 1958. How many years did the school operate? Research to find when your school first opened. Once you know that year you can determine the age of your school!
2. A prior teacher at the school, Lydia Shane Gaines, recalled several memories of teaching there. Can you remember how the students stayed warm in the winter time? Were chalk boards used? If all the grades were in just one room, how were their desks arranged?
3. Just as in the video, the students of this school enjoyed music during the school day. We know they were most proud of a certain musical instrument. Do you recall what it was?
4. Draw a picture of how you imagine the Jefferson Street School classroom to have looked.
5. How is the classroom similar to your classroom? How is it different?
6. Did you notice the students' desks in the video, or the clothing of the teacher and students?
7. Does your teacher ring a hand bell when it is time for recess?
8. You may have spelling bees at school, but have you ever participated in a geography bee?
9. Add your own geography questions to the ones you heard in the video...create your own bee!
10. Maps are interesting. There are many types of maps. Try making your own map (on your own or with a friend or group) of your classroom, your gym or playground....even your entire school!
11. In the video, the teacher mentions an easy way to remember the names of the 5 Great Lakes. What 5 letter word did she use? Have you ever made up your own 'short cut' for remembering something? Share it!
12. Have you ever travelled in a boat down the Ohio River? The Mississippi River? The Atlantic Ocean?

13. Alonzo correctly named and located the 4 states that border Indiana: Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan. He correctly told us Kentucky is the state south of Indiana. Of the remaining state, which one is west of Indiana? East of Indiana? North of Indiana?
14. If Newburgh was established in 1803 and Indiana became a state in 1816, which is older...Newburgh or Indiana?
15. Alonzo also correctly told us our state capital is Indianapolis. Was Indianapolis our first capital?
16. Hallie correctly named and located the 2 great oceans that border our country...the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. Which of the two is the larger body of water?
17. Did you like the song the class sang entitled 'The Key's the Key'? They certainly enjoyed singing it. Try singing it along with them!
18. What did Alonzo and Hallie do at the end of the geography bee to show they were very good sports and respected each other?
19. Probably the most difficult question for Alonzo was pointing out the horizontal line on the World Map used as the starting point for measuring Latitude....the Equator. That was tough! Do you know the name of the line used as the starting point for measuring Longitude? Could you locate it on a map? Are these lines really on the earth...could you see them from an airplane? Or are they imaginary lines?
20. Did you enjoy the video? What parts did you like most...least?