

A School Day in 1560

The poorest students in the Latin School got their meals from Saint Katharinae Cloister. As a sort of payment they had to sing in church. Their day began very early. Here you can see how the average school day was set out.

Assignment 1:

Write what you do on an average day.

Time	The Latin school students' day in 1560	Your own day
04.00	The church bell rings, and the day has begun
04.30	The poor student takes part in the first service (Morning Devotion)
06.00	The school day begins for all students
06.00 – 09.00	Grammar
09.00 – 12.00	The oldest students have choral duty in church, while the youngest get tested (they explain their catechism and read up on them) +time to eat
12.00 – 13.00	Singing lessons and Latin
14.00 – 15.00	They take part in Evensong in church
15.00 – 16.00	Lessons in different subjects or free time
17.00-20.00	Home and eat, then early to bed

Assignment 2

Make a little dramatic piece/acting - on an average day in 1560 and on modern day.

In 1560 children slept as a rule 2 or 3 together in the same bed. The girls got up at the same time as the boys. They were busy doing the housework. In school the disobedient were beaten with a lash (a piece of rope) if they did not behave correctly. At home children did not have their meals at the table with adults.

The class shall split into 2 groups:

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| A | An average day in 1560 | Boys and girls are split up in two separate groups
(Here there are only boys, they go to school, while the girls are at home and learn to be good wives.) |
| B | An average day in 2010 | Both boys and girls play on a school day. |

Write a little script showing what scene is being shown. It must show the most important things from the time period you have made. There can be a watch or other signal/noise that signifies the time of day, e.g.:- a church clock or a cock (male hen)

- ☺ You can make a mime theatre- they are silent
- ☺ You can make it with an exchange of words either in a song or in hymn/psalms
- ☺ You can make a "freeze frame"/tableaux, where all the actors move around and make a sketch, possibly when the clock strikes, they stand still! But they must stand still long enough so that the audience can understand what the scene is telling/showing them.
- ☺ You can simply make some pieces of clothing for a school day in 1560. That can be a cloak, apron or scarf/ headscarf. The "disobedient" may even have a lash.
- ☺ If you make an "eating scene", remember the fork was not invented yet in the 1500s!!
- ☺ If you have room big room to act in, you can see both pieces at one time so you experience when the boys got up and went to bed in an old school.