



If I Was a Colonial



## **If I Was a Colonial Child**

*If I was a colonial child I would do all the things that the girls would do back then. I would help my Mother, Father and my sisters, Lauren and Nicole. I would play with dolls made of cornhusks. If I was a really lucky child I would get a wooden fashion doll. Girls would sew samplers. In tiny stitches girls would make birds and trees and also flowers and letters of the alphabet. We would feed the animals, fetch water and clean dirty dresses so they could be worn the next day. These jobs would be done daily, each one on a different day of the week. Then I would go to school. There would be hard benches, a cold room and all the grades were taught together. If you were naughty in colonial times you would stand on the corner, use a drool stick in your mouth, be whipped by a weapon or even worse.*

*Writing with a quill is harder than you think. I've tried it before. You have to dip the quill into ink and dip and dip and dip and dip until you've written what you wanted. This can be SO stressful. Eventually your ink would run out and you would need to get some more.*

*Playing games is kind of like our recess now. It is a break from both boys and girls work. Some of the games you would play by rolling a wooden hoop with a small stick to gain momentum.*

*Making candles is what girls and their mothers would do. I've done it before but what you do is you dip a stick with a piece of string into beeswax and then very quickly onto water. And back and forth and back and forth and back and forth and your wick grows to be big and fat, which is a good thing so you can see. At night when you sleep I would sleep on the ground and my sisters would sleep on the ground with me and Mother and Father would sleep in a bed made of cornstalk.*

*I am so glad we don't have to worry about the past, well from my perspective being a colonial child is fine but we don't have to worry about the past, lets look at the future!*

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