

Document C: Custer County schoolhouse

Source: Photograph by Solomon Butcher, 1889.

Note: This photo of a sod schoolhouse was taken about 60 miles west of Merna in Custer County, Nebraska.



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Document Analysis

1. Where and when was this sod schoolhouse photo taken?
2. How many schoolchildren are in the photo? How many are girls? How many are boys?
3. What is a possible reason the girls outnumber the boys?
4. This appears to be a one-room school. How could the teacher teach the different ages and ability levels at once?
5. Would you (that is, your persona) have enjoyed attending this school? Why or why not? Provide two or three details which you might include in your letter to Clara or Clyde.