



Teacher's Guide

Long Ago and Today



Levels: Grade 1 (Middle)

Word Count: 191 Script Summary:

Long Ago and Today is about a young boy named Adam and his great-grandma. Adam asks his great-grandma what it was like when she was his age. Many things were different for her, but one thing was the same: they were both lucky enough to be well loved.

Objectives and Assessment

Monitor students to determine if they can:

- consistently read their lines with appropriate rate and accuracy
- consistently read their lines with appropriate expression, including pause, inflection, and intonation
- follow along silently and listen for spoken cues

Using the Scripts:

- Each role is assigned a reading level according to the syntactic and semantic difficulty encountered. Feel free to divide roles further to include more readers in a group.
- Discuss vocabulary and encourage readers to practice their lines to promote fluent delivery of the script.
- Before reading, have students identify their lines in the script by checking or coloring the boxes beside their part. You may also have them highlight or underline their part.

Vocabulary:

High-frequency words: me, were, what, when, you **Story words:** airplane, board games, great-grandma, plastic, radio, video games, wooden, young

Cast of Characters:

Grade 1 (Middle)				
Adam	Great Grandma	Young Great Grandma		





Script

Long Ago and Today

Cast of Characters:

Parts					
Adam		Great Grandma		Young Great Grandma	
Adam:					
Great Grandma, what was it like long ago? What was it like when you were young like me? Did you watch TV long ago?					
Great Grandma:					
No, dear Adam.					
We did not have TV when I was young.					
Young Great Grandma:					
I like to listen to the radio .					
Adam:					
Great Grandma, did you fly					
in an airplane long ago?					
Did you fly in an airplane when					
	you were young like me?				





Long Ago and Today Script (continued) **Great Grandma:** No. dear Adam. We did not fly in airplanes long ago. Young Great Grandma: I like to ride on a train. Adam: Great Grandma, did you play video games long ago? Did you play video games when you were young like me? **Great Grandma:** No. dear Adam. We did not have video games long ago. Young Great Grandma: I like to play board games. Adam:

Great Grandma, did you have plastic toys long ago? Did you have plastic toys when you were young like me?





Long Ago and Today Script (continued) **Great Grandma:** No. dear Adam. We did not have plastic toys long ago. Young Great Grandma: I like to play with wooden toys. Adam: Great Grandma, were you happy when you were young like me? **Great Grandma:** Yes, Adam, I was happy when I was young like you. Young Great Grandma: I have a great grandma who loves me. **Great Grandma:** Just like you.