

TEACHER:

GRADE: 5+

LESSON TOPIC: History of Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education

Lesson Behavioral Objectives: Be aware of the SDA church history.

Materials Needed: Hand out

Lesson Procedure:

- (a) **Motivation/Introduction:** What was a school room like 150 years ago. Instruct students to put everything in their desks. Give students a piece of Black construction paper and a piece of chalk and ask them to do a math problem on it and a written assignment on the other side.

(b) **Lesson Content:**

Hand-out
Development of Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education

1853	Buck's Bridge N.Y. – five families. Private home schools operated in a few places for the children of Sabbath keepers.
1955	Battle Creek home school
1867	Battle Creek Church (first local church to began a school) Teacher: Harper Bell, open one year
1872	Ellen White received a vision on the importance and virtue of Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education. She wrote many articles promoting Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education. After preaching and writing this message for twenty year Adventist Education came to life and was followed by tremendous evangelistic growth in the church.
1872	General Conference agreed to assume administrative and financial responsibility for a school in Battle Creek with 12 students. Teacher training must be established to teach other languages for foreign missions and for instructing those from abroad.
1882	South Lancaster Academy (Atlantic Union College) began with 19 pupils. Prepare workers to spread the gospel Train to think rather than memorize Bible Teaching Practical learning
1882	Healdsburg Academy opened with 33 students (later Pacific Union College- 1907) California
1891	Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska
1892	Walla Walla College, Washington
1896	Oakwood Industrial School, Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama.

1901	Emmanuel Missionary College, Andrews University, Michigan
1904	Madison College, Tennessee
1904	Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, Maryland. Columbia Union College
1906	Loma Linda University, School of Nursing
1907	Loma Linda University, School of Medicine
1922	La Sierra College

(c) Student Activities:

Research the history of your Seventh-day Adventist School.

- What was the schools beginning enrollment?
- What has been the enrollment over the years?
- How many teachers have taught in the school over the years?
- What grades have been taught? Subjects?

What was happening in history during this time period?

Assessment:

Read the document: A Journey to Excellence

1. What is the purpose of Adventist education?
2. How the purpose changed since 1878 and the beginning of Seventh-day Adventist Education?
3. How has education changed?

Read your school bulletin:

1. Does your school handbook's mission statement fit the Journey to Excellence Document.
2. In your opinion is the mission of your school being lived out in reality.

Wrap-up:

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Goals of Adventist Education

Primary Goals: Conversion and Witness,

Jesus came to earth as a teacher, an educator to show the true character of God and restore people to the image of God. The work of education and redemption are one. It is the role of Adventist Christian Education to restore children to their Creator to redeem them: **Conversion**. This justification process is the work of education, bringing students to a rebirth in Jesus. Conversion of our young people is the main purpose of Adventist Education. **Witness** is another major Goal. We are teaching students to be a witness for God, telling others about God and the second coming of Jesus.

Secondary Goals:

1. **The development of Character-** Christian growth another words the process of sanctification is also the work of education.
2. **The development of the Christian Mind-** All academics go through the filter of Christianity. We call it the integration of faith and learning. It is not a secular education.
3. **The development and competency of job and life skills-** Preparing students for citizenship
4. **Service to others**

Extended Activities:

Pathways of the Pioneers, CD #21 on the beginnings of Education