

# Things Change

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## Summary

This book explores how communities have changed over time. Early homes were simple and built of wood. Today, homes are made from a variety of materials. Most have features such as heat, electricity, and running water. While letter writing used to be the only way to communicate with distant people, today we use computers to send emails. We travel in fast-moving cars today, while people long ago relied on horses for transportation.

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## Before Reading

### Building Background

Build background for the book by allowing students to observe the book's art and predict what some of the topics covered will be. Make sure students are familiar with the key vocabulary and concepts. Encourage students to discuss and share what they may already know about communities long ago.

### Vocabulary

community, electricity

### Comprehension Skill: Alike and Different

**Alike** means how things are the same. **Different** means how things are not the same. As you read, think about how today's communities are alike or different than communities long ago.

## During Reading

### Think Critically

1. What were early homes like? (Early homes were simple. They were made of wood and had no electricity or running water.)
2. What is a *neighborhood*? (A neighborhood is a place where people live, work, and play.)
3. How did people keep in touch with others in faraway places before computers? (They wrote letters.)
4. What changes do you think you might see in the next few years? (Answers will vary.)

## After Reading

### Writing

We use electricity for many things. Write one sentence that tells how you use electricity. Draw a picture if you like. Write your sentence on another sheet of paper.

### Organize Information

*Graphic Organizer: Alike / Different Chart*

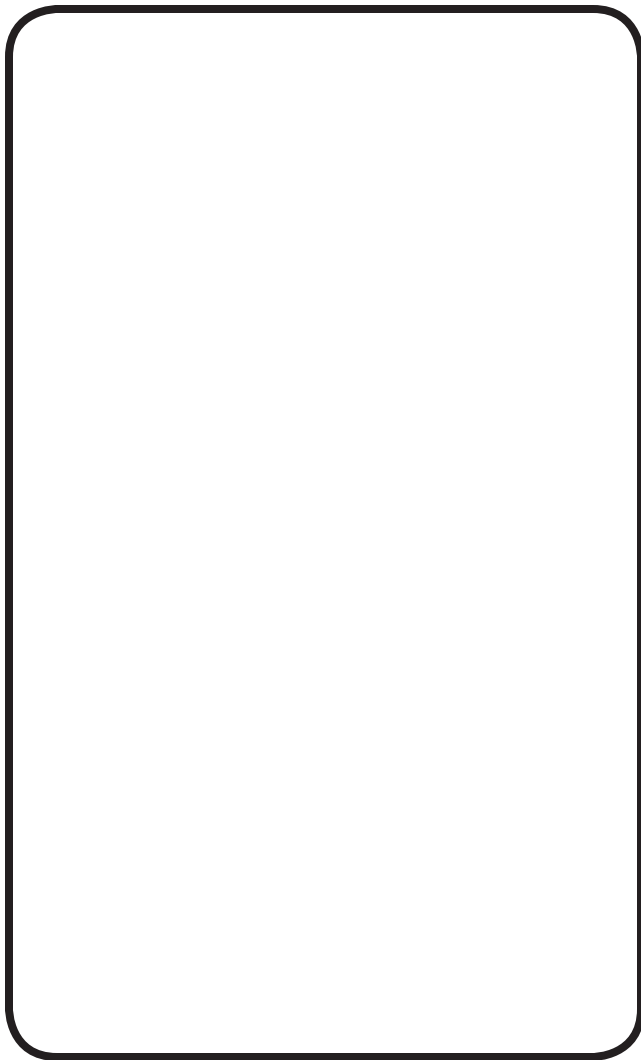
Have students use the Alike/Difference chart to show how today's communities are alike or different than communities long ago.

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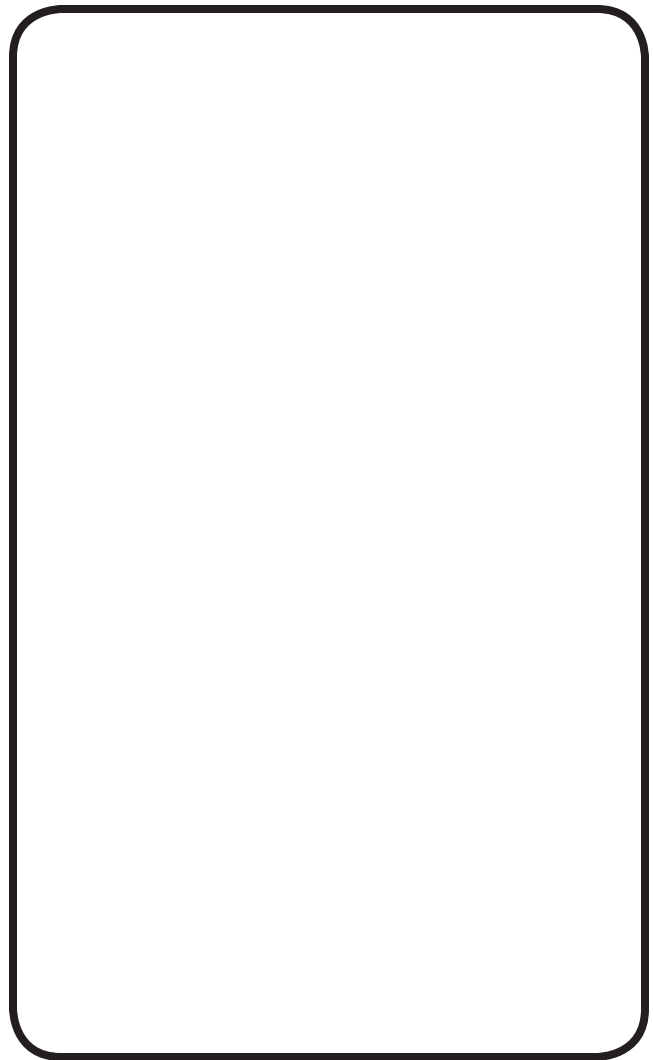
**Show how today's communities are alike or different than communities long ago.**

- ✓ Show how today's communities are alike or different than communities long ago.
- ✓ In the "Alike" box, write how communities are alike.
- ✓ In the "Different" box, write how communities are different.

## **Compare and Contrast**



**Alike**



**Different**

Things Change Lyrics. [Intro] You'll say You'll say "Don't you wanna change me?" Hey (Ayy) mmm Doin' too much (Hey) Too much for me to miss you. [Verse 1] Maybe calling you up would fix things right now Are you listening right now, are you listening? Repeat, replay this just to make sure you don't miss things See, I know, see, I know how much you miss me, you miss me, but. Things Change is like the careful telling of a sly and spirited joke. Everything builds slowly, and the telling is as important as the punch line. December 12, 2017 | Full Review

Nine years after Hal Ashby's quixotic 1979 tale of mistaken identity, *Being There* (with Peter Sellers as the humble gardener), Mamet followed with his take on the same subject, throwing in the Mob and its code of honor (!!!) for comic spin. *Things Change* is a 1988 drama film directed by David Mamet. It was co written by Mamet and Shel Silverstein, and stars Joe Mantegna and Don Ameche. Infobox Film name = *Things Change* writer = David Mamet, Shel Silverstein starring = Joe Mantegna, Don Ameche | Wikipedia. *The More Things Change* Studioalbum von Machine Head Veröffentlichung 2. März 1997 Label Roadrunner Records | Deutsch Wikipedia. *The More Things Change* Machine Head *The More Things Change*