

**After the United States gained independence from Britain, the young nation was eager to establish its own cultural identity. One of the most important parts of this unique American culture was language. For the newly emerging nation, finding a common identity through language was essential.**

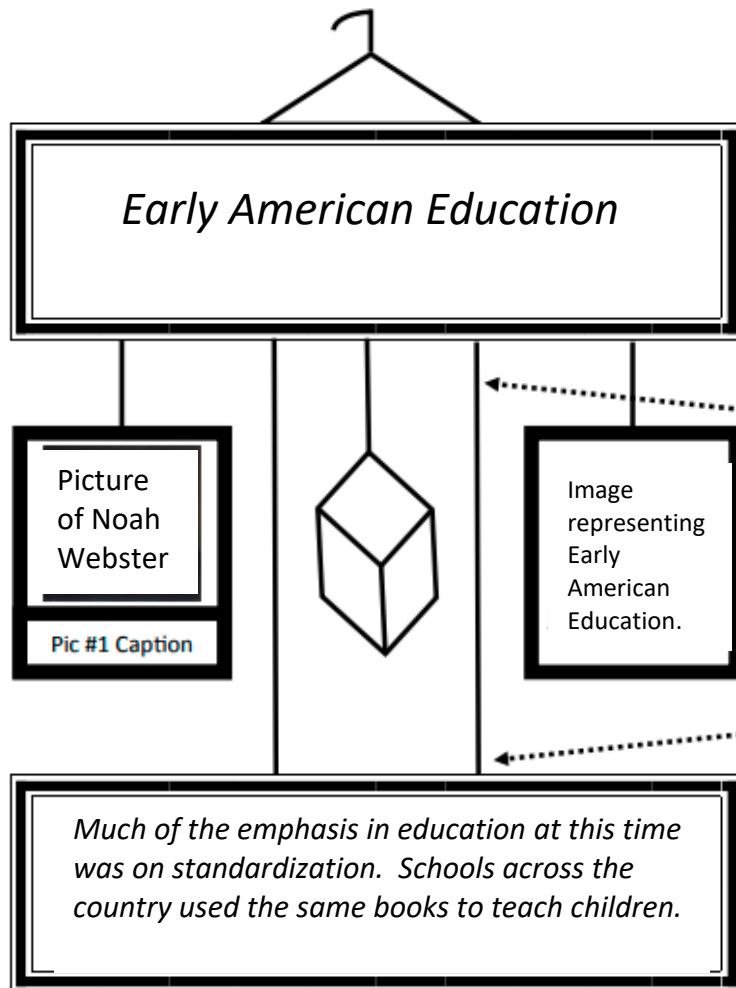
**Unlike Britain, the United States was a melting pot of languages. Immigrants who settled in the United States spoke English, French, German, Dutch, and a variety of other languages. Immigrants were encouraged to adopt English, and gradually, a unique American English emerged.**

1. In this activity, you'll research about Noah Webster and William Holmes McGuffey, two important figures in US history who helped shape modern American English. You'll also learn about their contributions to the field of Education.
2. While researching take notes on the ways Webster improved education and helped build a unique American identity. Also research the educational practices that McGuffey introduced into American culture.
3. Much of the emphasis in education at this time was on standardization. Schools across the country used the same books to teach children. While researching think about why was standardization important to a young nation and how it helped build the Nation.
4. Find images of Webster and McGuffey.
5. Find an image that represent "Early American Education". Be able to explain how and why the image represents early American Education.
6. Find a quote that represents "Early American Education".

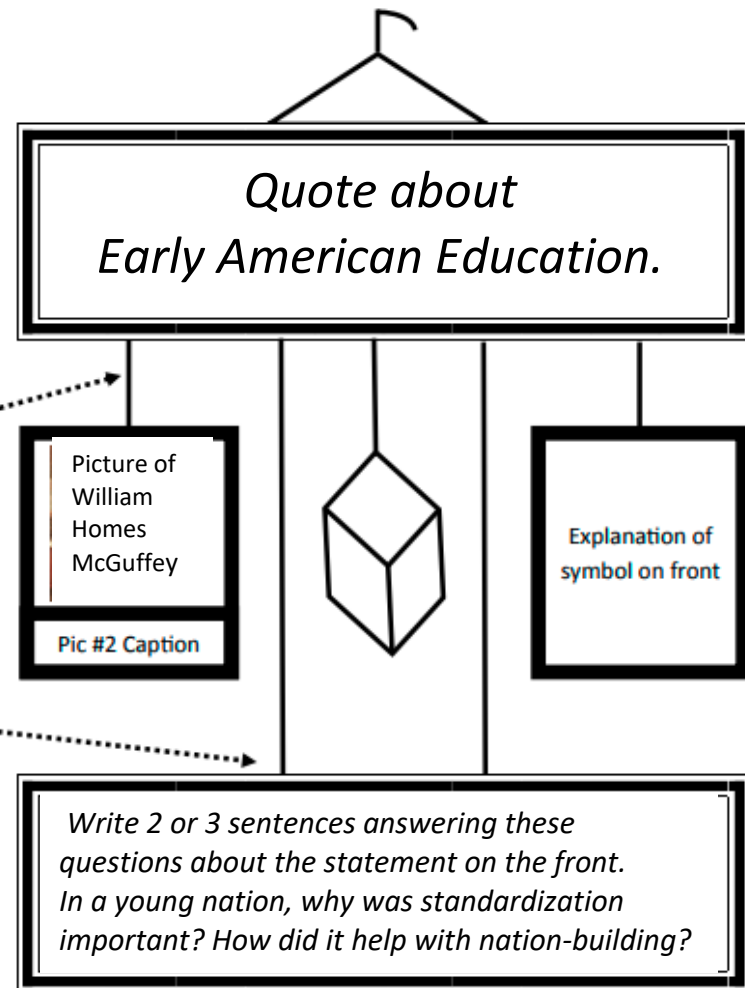
Mrs. Mebius will use this rubric to grade your Early American Education Mobile.

	<b>Extending</b> 20 points	<b>Achieving</b> 18 points	<b>Developing</b> 16 points	<b>Emerging</b> 14 point
Title and Quote	Instructions Content Grammar Creativity	Only 3 of the 4	Only 2 of the 4	Only 1 of the 4
Pictures of Webster and McGuffey	Instructions Content Grammar Creativity	Only 3 of the 4	Only 2 of the 4	Only 1 of the 4
Symbol and Explanation	Instructions Content Grammar Creativity	Only 3 of the 4	Only 2 of the 4	Only 1 of the 4
Biography Cube	Instructions Content Grammar Creativity	Only 3 of the 4	Only 2 of the 4	Only 1 of the 4
Standardization /Nationalization	Instructions Content Grammar Creativity	Only 3 of the 4	Only 2 of the 4	Only 1 of the 4

## Mobile Front



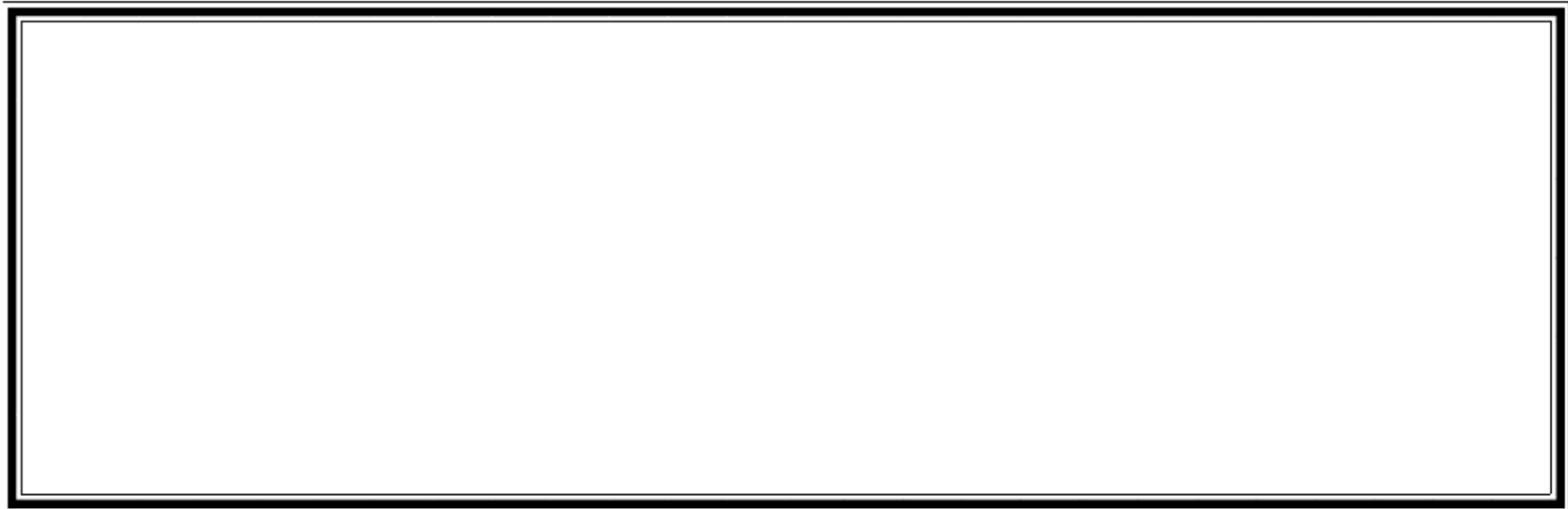
## Mobile Rear



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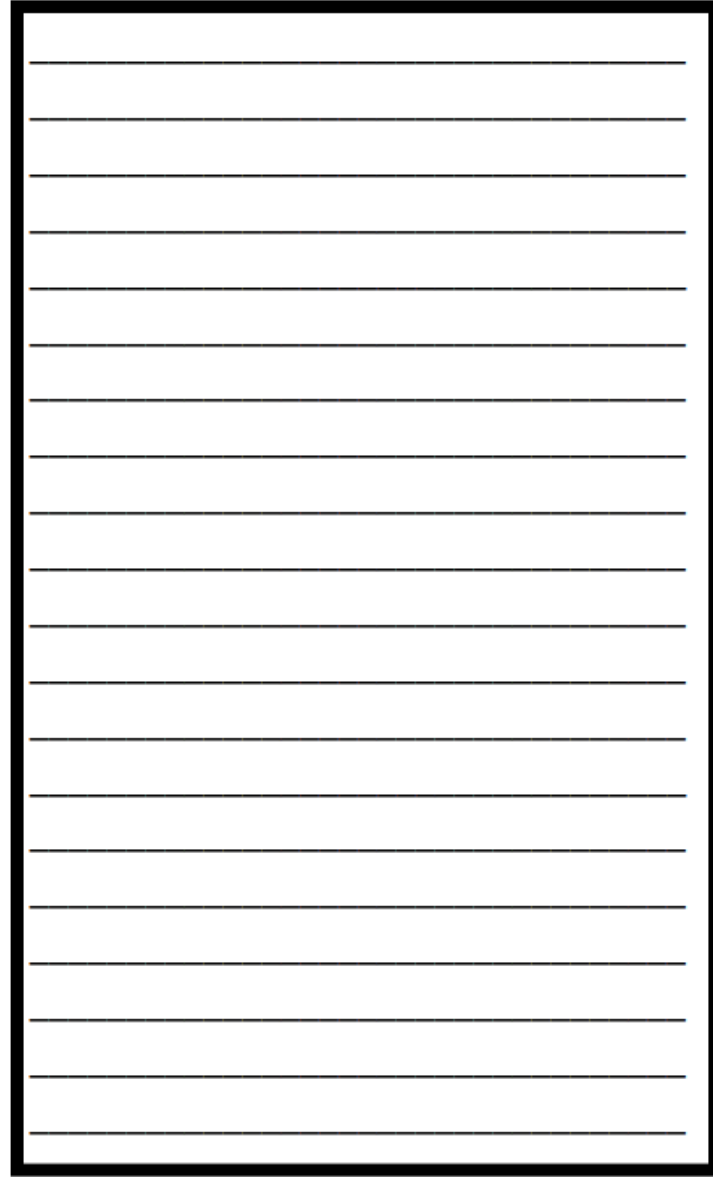
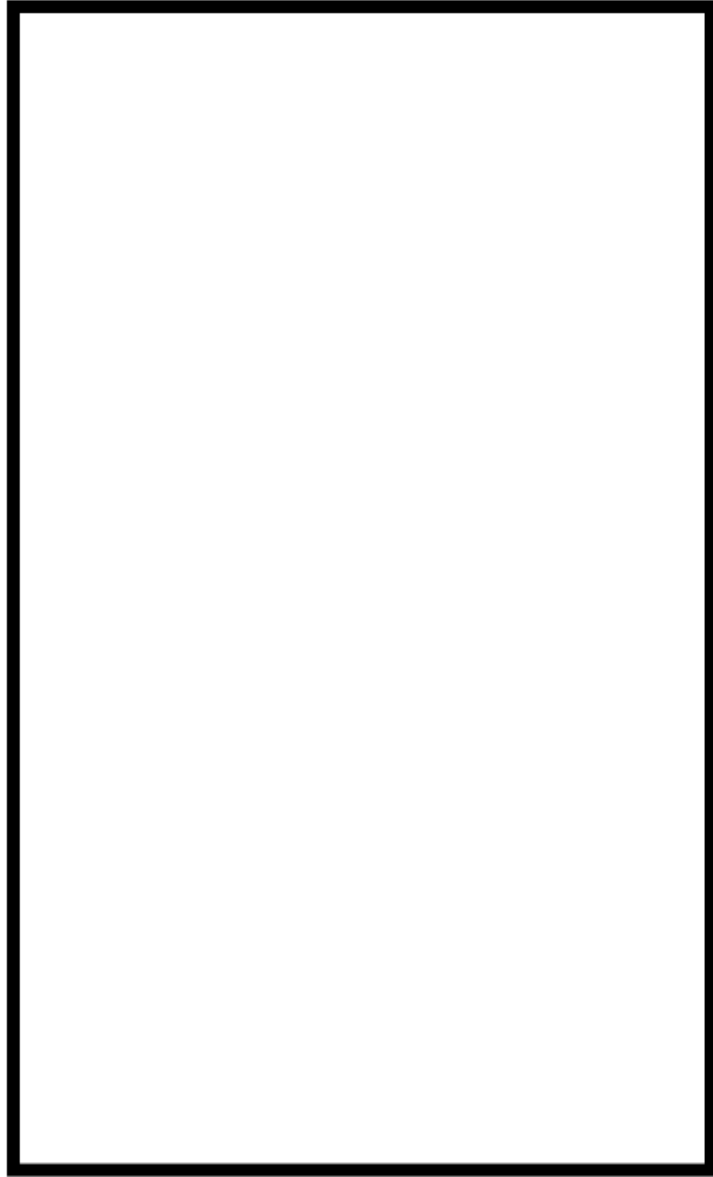
All pieces are attached to the hanger with yarn.

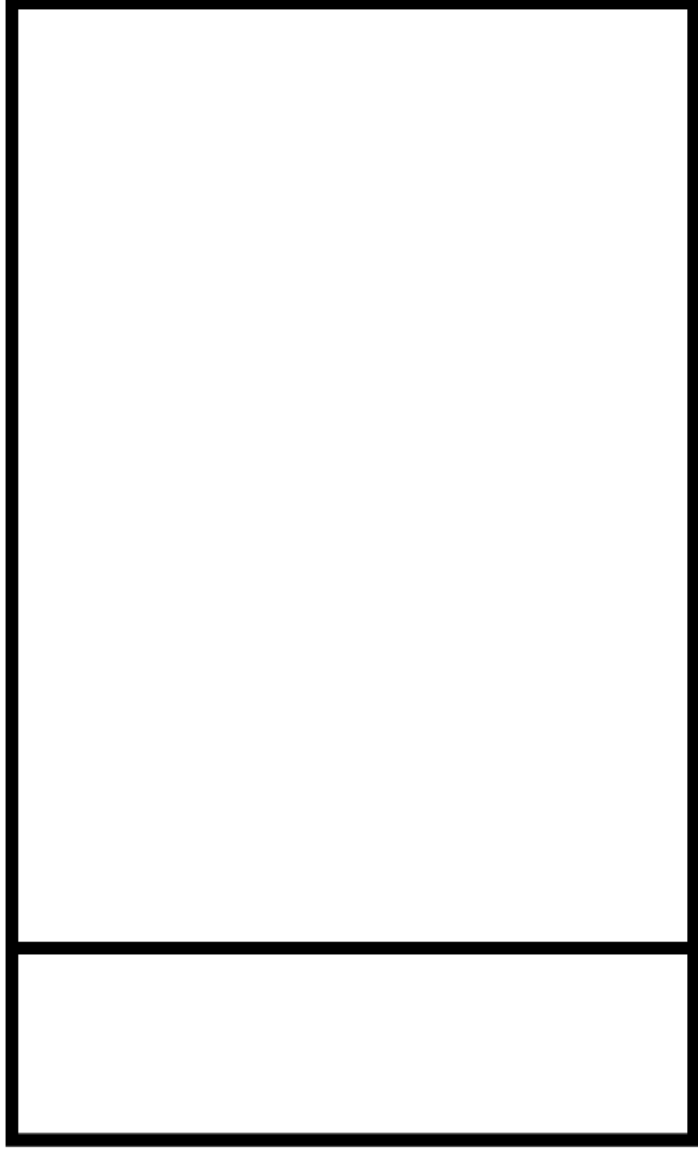
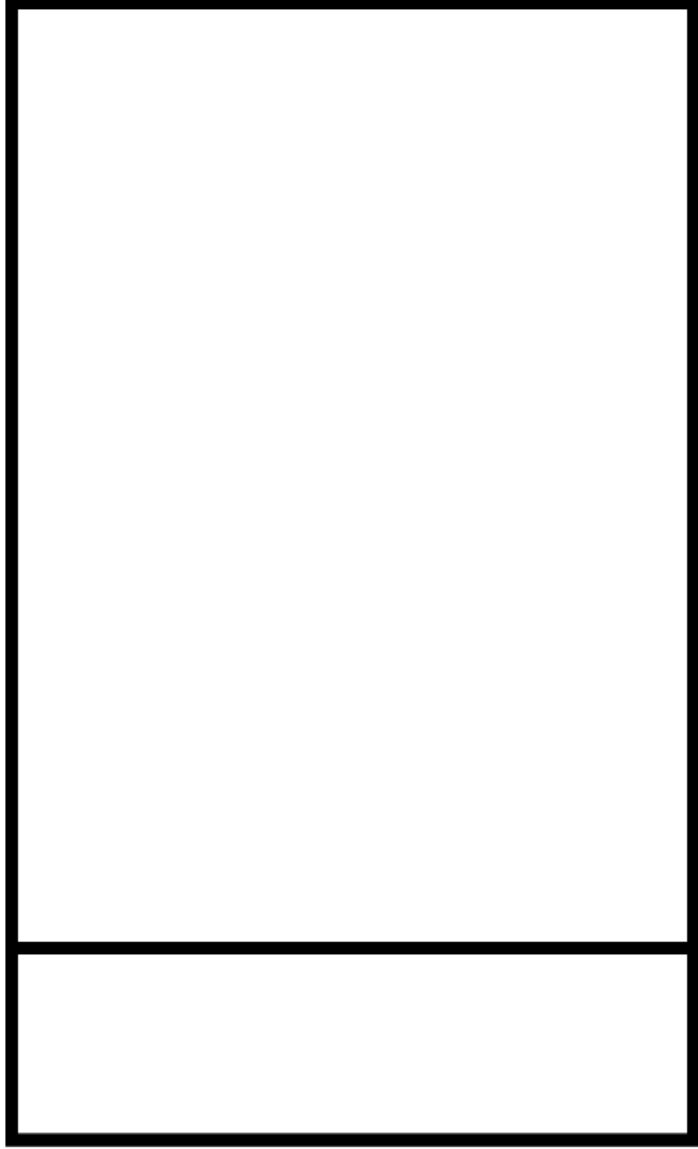
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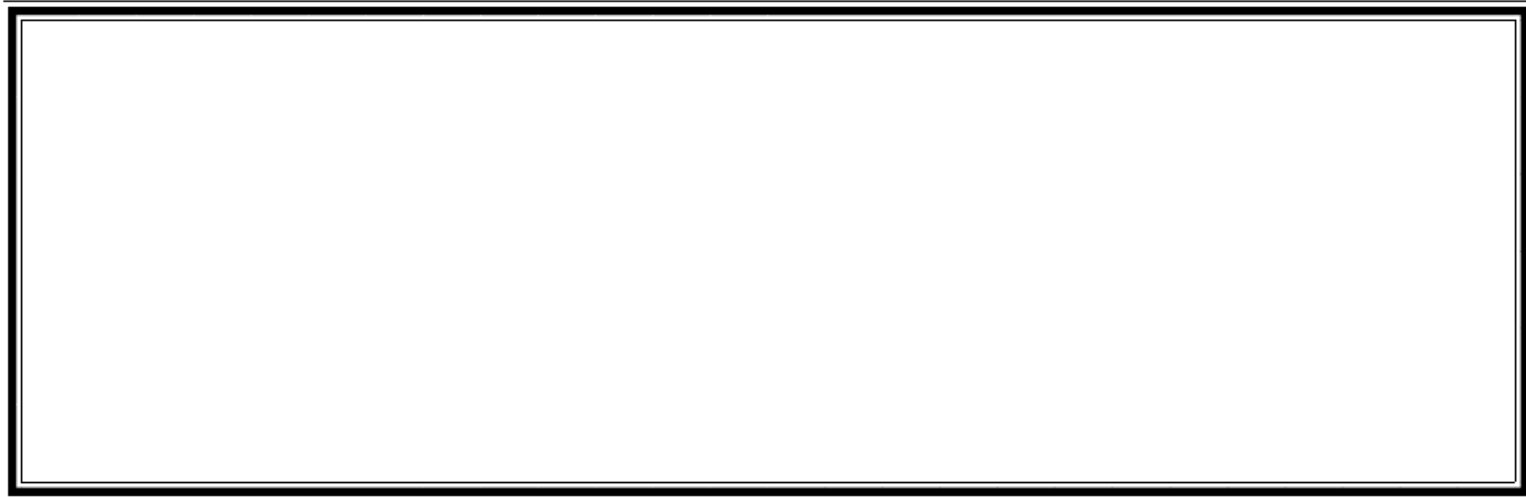


Cut Out This Box After Folding

# Early American Education







**Much of the emphasis in education at this time was on standardization.**

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**Describe 2 ways Webster improved education and help build a unique American identity?**

**Describe 2 common educational practices that began with McGuffey readers.**

**Webster #1**

**McGuffey #1**

**McGuffey #2**

**Webster #2**