

Samuel Wilderspin



Read the information about Samuel Wilderspin, then answer the questions.

Childhood

Samuel Wilderspin was born in 1791. He liked to play outside. He played in the woods. He learned a lot about plants and animals. His mother and father let him explore on his own.



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Did Samuel Wilderspin like to play outside?

yes no

School

Samuel Wilderspin didn't like school. His teachers were strict. They hit him with a cane. He thought this was wrong. He thought children should be happy at school.

Did Samuel Wilderspin like school?

yes no

Working as a teacher

Samuel became a teacher at an infant school. He played games with the children. He made learning fun. Samuel invented the school playground. He wanted children to play outside. The children were happy in his school.

What did children do at Samuel Wilderspin's school?

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played games

felt sad

played outside



Becoming famous

Samuel wrote many books about teaching. He set up Wilderspin schools in Victorian times. He became famous for his work.

Was Samuel Wilderspin famous in Victorian times?

yes no

Samuel's legacy

Samuel died in 1866 when he was 74 years old. One of his schools is now a museum. People visit the museum to learn about Samuel's life. He is remembered because his ideas are still used in schools today.



Wilderspin National School museum, Barton-upon-Humber

Why is Samuel Wilderspin still remembered today?

He was strict.

He was rich.

His ideas are still used in schools today.

He set up schools.

