

# Public Education Reform

## Learning Target

**Explain** the origins of the American education system.

## Assignment

**Define** these key terms. Use the context of the reading, the glossary, or class notes to help with the definitions.

- public school movement
- antebellum

**Read** the section Public Education Reform on pages 206-208.

**Answer** the following questions about Public Education Reform:

1. Name two reasons that motivated people to reform public education.
2. Where were kids taught before public education?
3. What was the most popular book used by parents and educators?
4. Why did reformers see education as inadequate?
5. How did reformers try to change public education?
6. Why did they want to change public education? Give two reasons.
7. Who is Horace Mann? Provide a brief biography of him.
8. How did he contribute to the reform of public education?