


# Washing Clothes Through Time

## Long Ago...

Before washing machines, doing laundry was **hard work!**

- Clothes were washed in tubs or even rivers
- People used a **washboard** to scrub dirt out
- Clothes were twisted (wring) by hand to remove water
- Then they were hung outside to dry

 Laundry could take **all day!**


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## Getting Easier...

People invented new tools to help!

### Wringer Washers

- Clothes were washed in soapy water
- Then fed through **rollers** to squeeze out water
- This saved time and effort


 But you had to be careful—the rollers could pinch fingers!

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## Today...

Now we use machines to do the work!

- Washing machines clean clothes automatically
- Dryers dry clothes quickly
- Just push a button!

 What used to take all day now takes about **30 minutes!**

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## Try It Yourself!

Think about the washing station you visited:

- Was it easy or hard to scrub clothes?
  - How did your hands feel?
  - Would you want to do laundry this way every week?
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## Think About It

Talk with your family:

- How do you wash clothes at home?
  - Have your grandparents ever used a washboard?
  - What is the hardest chore you do?
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## Fun Fact

Long ago, laundry was one of the **hardest jobs** people did every week!

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## Big Idea

**Washing clothes has changed from hard work to easy machines!**

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## For Families

After your visit, try this at home:

- Wring out a wet washcloth using your hands
- Compare it to your washing machine

 Which works better?