

# **SCHOOL -- 1957 vs. 2007**

**Scenario:** John goes quail hunting before school, pulls into school parking lot with shotgun in gun rack.

**1957** - The Principal comes over, looks at John's shotgun, goes to his car and gets his shotgun to show John.

**2007** - School goes into lock down, FBI called, John hauled off to jail and never sees his truck or gun again. Counselors called in for traumatized students and teachers.

**Scenario:** Artie and Mike get into a fistfight after school.

**1957** - Crowd gathers. Mike wins. Artie and Mike shake hands and end up buddies.

**2007** - Police called, SWAT team arrives, arrests Artie and Mike. Charge them with assault, both expelled even though Artie started it.

**Scenario:** Joe won't be still in class, disrupts other students.

**1957** - Joe sent to office and given a good paddling by the Principal. Returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

**2007** - Joe given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADD. School gets extra money from state because Joe has a disability.

**Scenario:** Butch breaks a window in his neighbor's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.

**1957** - Butch is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

**2007** - Butch's dad is arrested for child abuse. Butch removed to foster care and joins a gang. State psychologist tells Butch's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison. Butch's mom has affair with psychologist.

**Scenario:** Mike gets a headache and takes some aspirin to school.

**1957** - Mike shares aspirin with Principal. **2007** - Police called, Mike expelled from school for drug violations. Car searched for drugs and weapons.

**Scenario:** Tom fails high school English.

**1957** - Tom goes to summer school, passes English, goes to college.

**2007** - Tom's cause is taken up by state. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that teaching English as a requirement for graduation is racist. ACLU files class action lawsuit against state school system and Tom's English teacher. English banned from core curriculum. Tom given diploma anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he cannot speak English.

**Scenario:** Ray takes apart leftover firecrackers from 4th of July, puts them in a model airplane paint bottle, and blows up a red ant bed.

**1957** - Ants die.

**2007** - BATF, Homeland Security, FBI called. Ray charged with domestic terrorism, FBI investigates parents, siblings removed from home, computers confiscated; Ray's Dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

**Scenario:** Joan falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. She is found crying by his teacher, Ruth. Ruth hugs her to comfort her.

**1957** - In a short time, Joan feels better and goes on playing.

**2007** - Ruth is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in State Prison. Joan undergoes 5 years of therapy