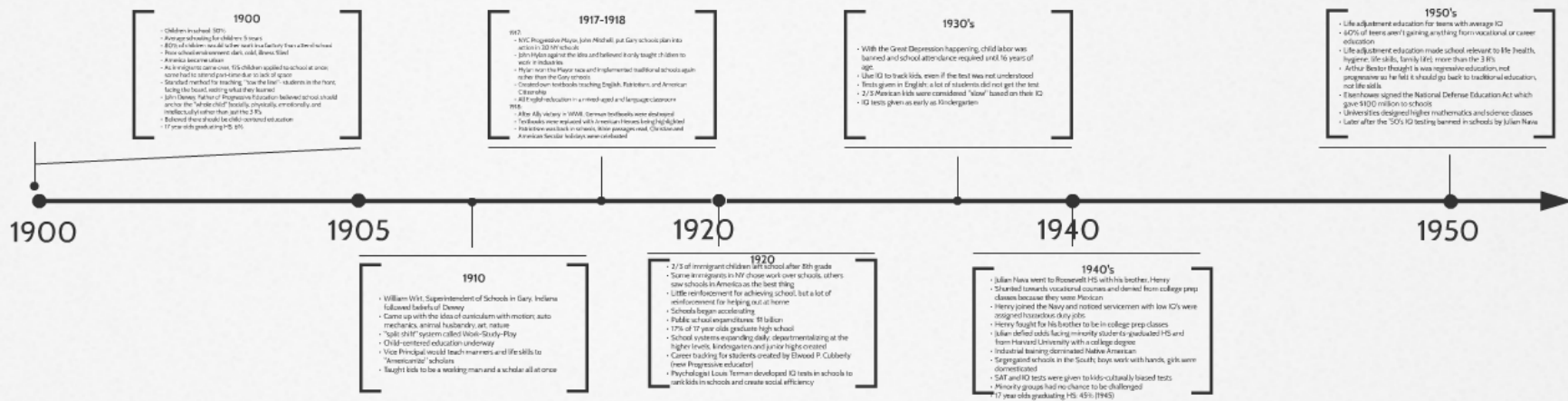
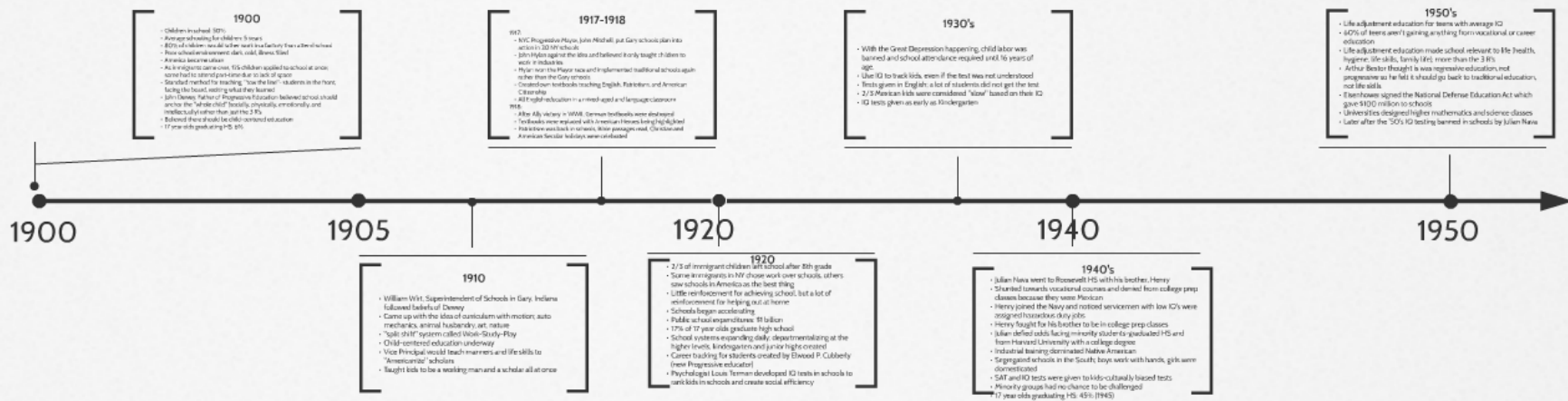


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# 1900

- Children in school: 50%
- Average schooling for children: 5 years
- 80% of children would rather work in a factory than attend school
- Poor school environment: dark, cold, illness filled
- America became urban
- As immigrants came over, 125 children applied to school at once; some had to attend part-time due to lack of space
- Standard method for teaching: "tow the line"- students in the front, facing the board, reciting what they learned
- John Dewey, Father of Progressive Education believed school should anchor the "whole child" (socially, physically, emotionally, and intellectually) rather than just the 3 R's
- Believed there should be child-centered education
- 17 year olds graduating HS: 6%

# 1910

- William Wirt, Superintendent of Schools in Gary, Indiana followed beliefs of Dewey
- Came up with the idea of curriculum with motion; auto mechanics, animal husbandry, art, nature
- "split shift" system called Work-Study-Play
- Child-centered education underway
- Vice Principal would teach manners and life skills to "Americanize" scholars
- Taught kids to be a working man and a scholar all at once