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Fall is once again **upon us**, and that means that **homecoming** celebrations are **just around the corner**. Homecoming is an American tradition each September and October for high schools and colleges where they celebrate their **school spirit** with a football game and other celebrations. I remember the homecoming events when I was in school. First, there was the election of a homecoming king and queen. Each class had its own representative, one boy and one girl, usually the most popular **jock** and the cutest **cheerleader**. Needless to say, I was neither, so I never **stood a chance** of being elected! The king and queen, though, were always from the **senior class**.

All the events led up to **the big game**, played on a Friday night or Saturday afternoon, always a **home game** for the school celebrating their homecoming. In my school, we had a **pep rally** the day before the game, where the cheerleaders and **dance team** would **do their thing** on the stage. We also had a small **parade** before the game, where all the homecoming royalty and the **marching band** would go around the track of the stadium where the game was held, **cheered on** by **alumni**, parents, and students. Then we would watch the football game, which at my school, we usually lost.