

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS: Middle Grades Bundle

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Netherlands

Pioneers

Boston
Freedom Trail

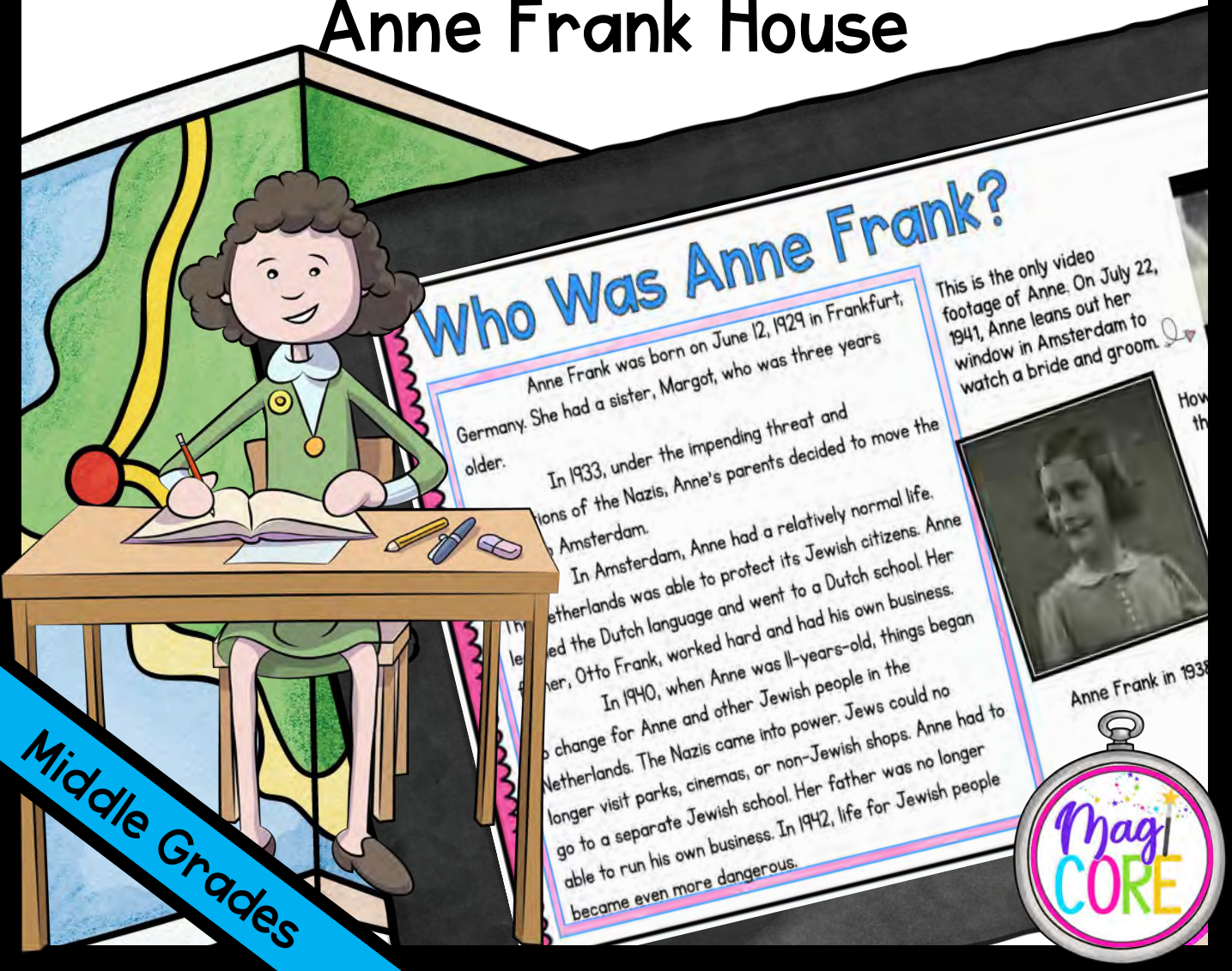
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VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP:

Amsterdam, Netherlands:

Anne Frank House



Who Was Anne Frank?

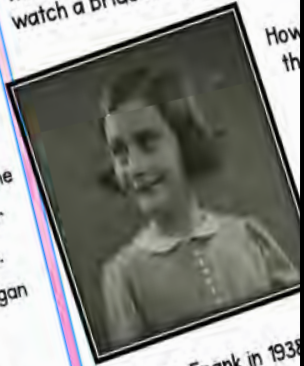
Anne Frank was born on June 12, 1929 in Frankfurt, Germany. She had a sister, Margot, who was three years older.

In 1933, under the impending threat and actions of the Nazis, Anne's parents decided to move the family to Amsterdam.

In Amsterdam, Anne had a relatively normal life. The Netherlands was able to protect its Jewish citizens. Anne learned the Dutch language and went to a Dutch school. Her father, Otto Frank, worked hard and had his own business.

In 1940, when Anne was 11-years-old, things began to change for Anne and other Jewish people in the Netherlands. The Nazis came into power. Jews could no longer visit parks, cinemas, or non-Jewish shops. Anne had to go to a separate Jewish school. Her father was no longer able to run his own business. In 1942, life for Jewish people became even more dangerous.

This is the only video footage of Anne. On July 22, 1941, Anne leans out her window in Amsterdam to watch a bride and groom.



Anne Frank in 1933



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The Secret Annex

In 1940, Otto Frank rented the Prinsengracht 263 building for his business. This included the main house and annex. The ground floor had the workshop of the company and the first and second floors were turned into storage and office space. In 1941, Margot Frank was called for labor camp in Germany, so the Frank family decided to go into hiding in the annex. They would live on the second and third floor, which was only accessible through a secret entrance behind a bookcase. The business would continue to operate in the main house, which was not directly connected to the annex.



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Social Studies

Where Is Amsterdam?

Amsterdam is the capital city of the Netherlands. It is located in North Holland. Amsterdam is known for its canals, which are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The unique and narrow houses and array of boathouses are a sight to see in Amsterdam. There are also many significant tourist, cultural, and historical sites to see in Amsterdam. One of them is the Anne Frank House.



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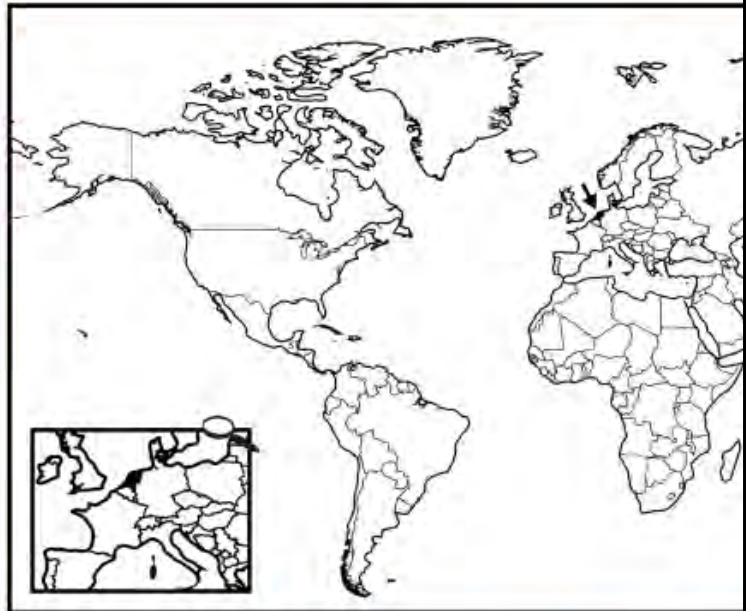
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Interactive Map

Where Is the Netherlands

The Netherlands, also known as Holland, is in Western Europe. The official language in the Netherlands is Dutch.

We will be visiting the capital city in the Netherlands, Amsterdam.

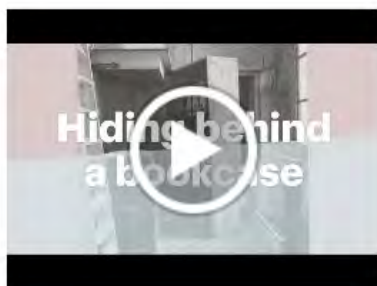


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Critical Thinking

The Secret Annex

Watch these videos
about the bookcase and
Anne's Room.



Who came up with the idea for
the Bookcase facade?



How did Anne
evolve her room?

Writing

The Diary

Explore some of these audio recordings of Anne's diary entries. Jot down



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Anne's Legacy

Anne, Margot, Edith, and the others did not make it out of the concentration camps. But Anne's leg world. Watch the interview with Otto Frank after the war. Then, watch the interview with children



Why do you think Anne's words are still relevant today?

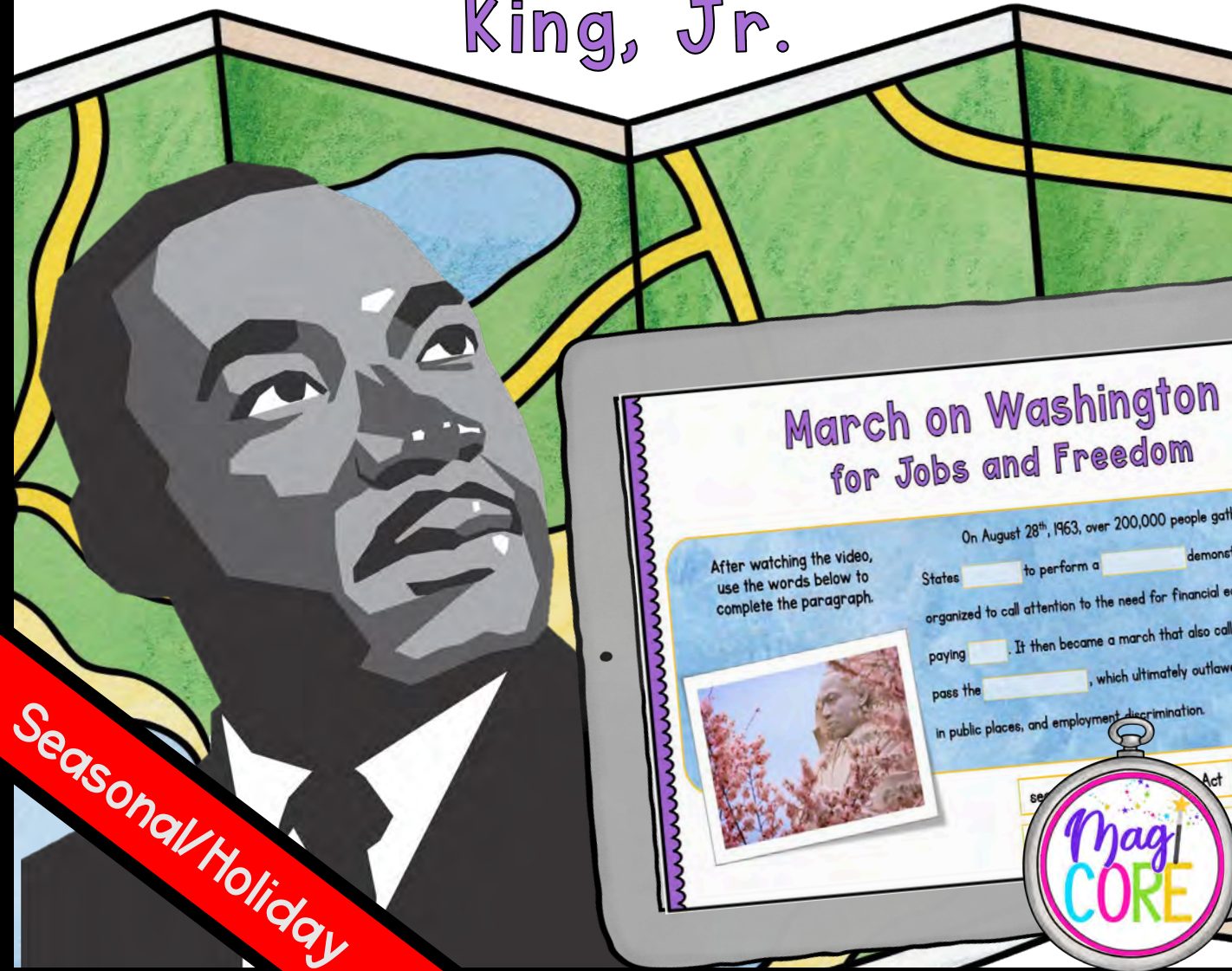


Paste the photo of Anne's statue in your diary.



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP:

Civil Rights & Martin Luther King, Jr.



March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom

After watching the video,
use the words below to
complete the paragraph.



On August 28th, 1963, over 200,000 people gathered in Washington, D.C. to perform a _____ demonstration organized to call attention to the need for financial equality and economic justice. It then became a march that also called for the passage of the _____, which ultimately outlawed discrimination in public places, and employment discrimination.



Seasonal/Holiday

Integrates Reading

The Salt March

The Salt March occurred in 1930 when the British ruled India. Indians across the country were being charged expensive taxes on basic goods, such as salt. This was especially unfair because there was plenty available in the Arabian Sea, which borders India.

This march was organized and led by Mahatma Gandhi, who was committed to resisting British rule over India in nonviolent, peaceful ways. This march turned out to be a major event during the Indian independence movement.



Mahatma Gandhi
been featured on
currency since

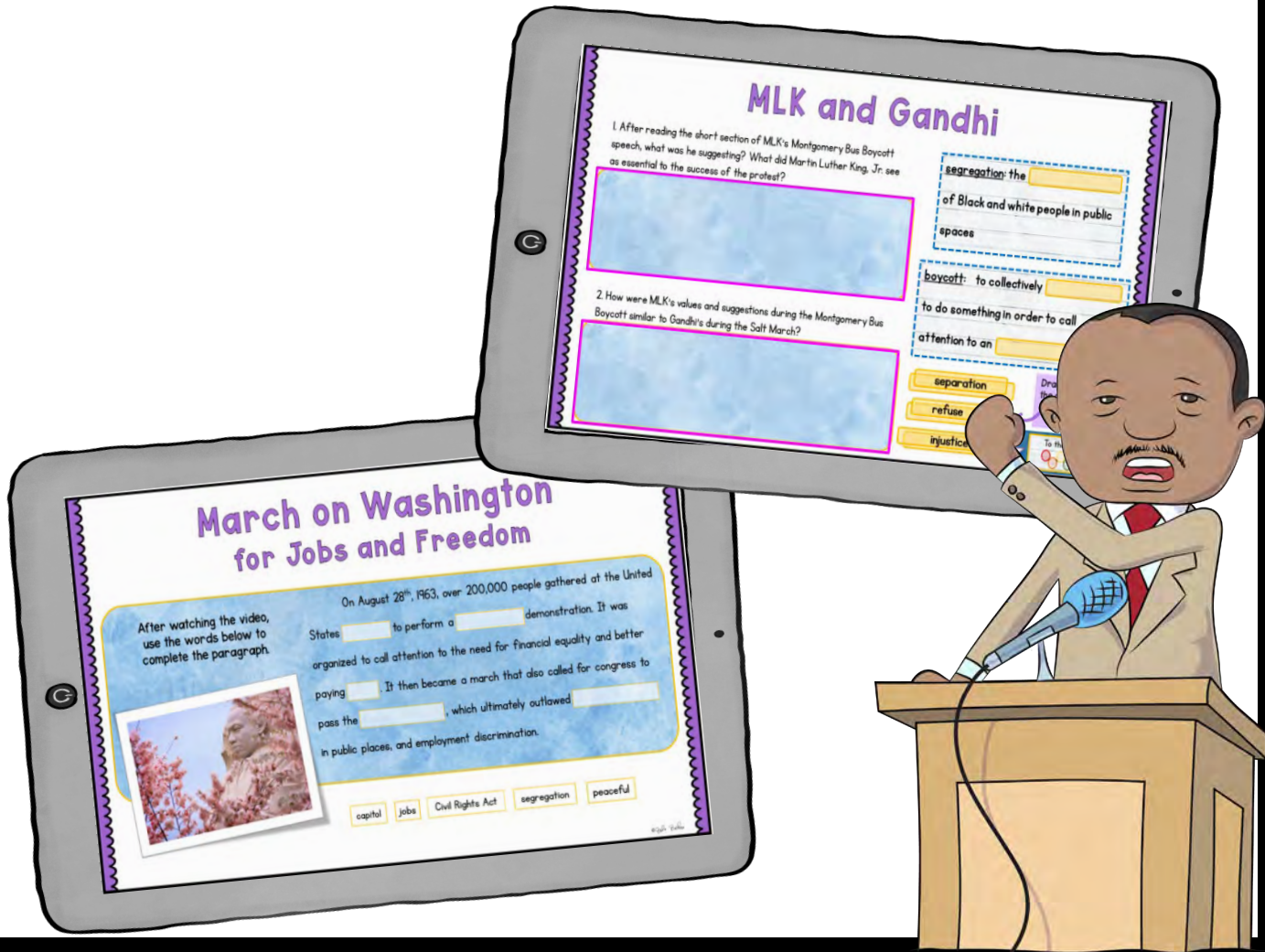


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location of the Salt March: *Sabarmati*.
Move the green star to Sabarmati.

Click **here** to inspect the ending
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Interactive Movable Pieces



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#BlackLivesMatter

Watch the video to learn more specifics about the Black Lives Matter Movement.

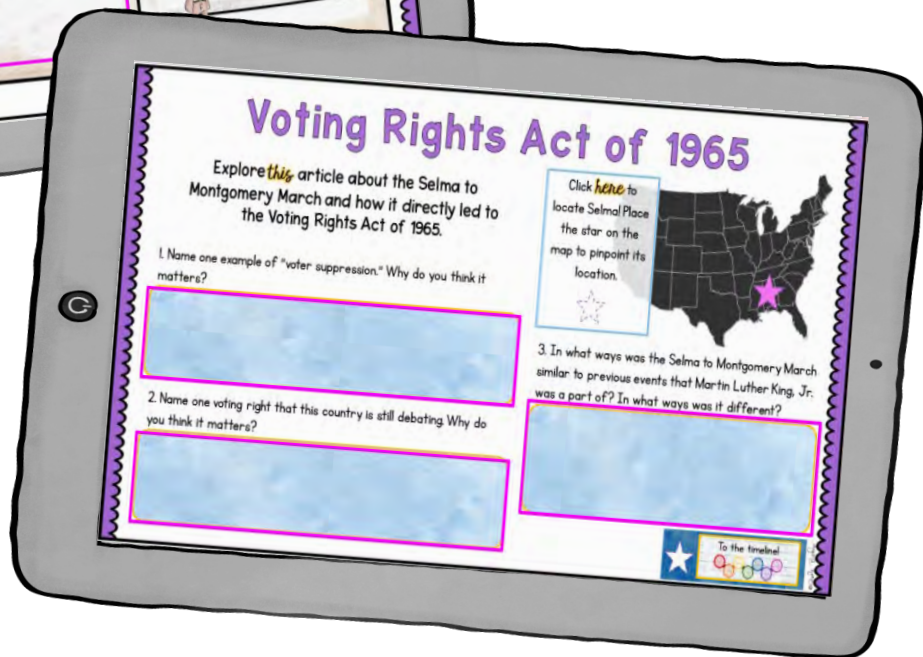
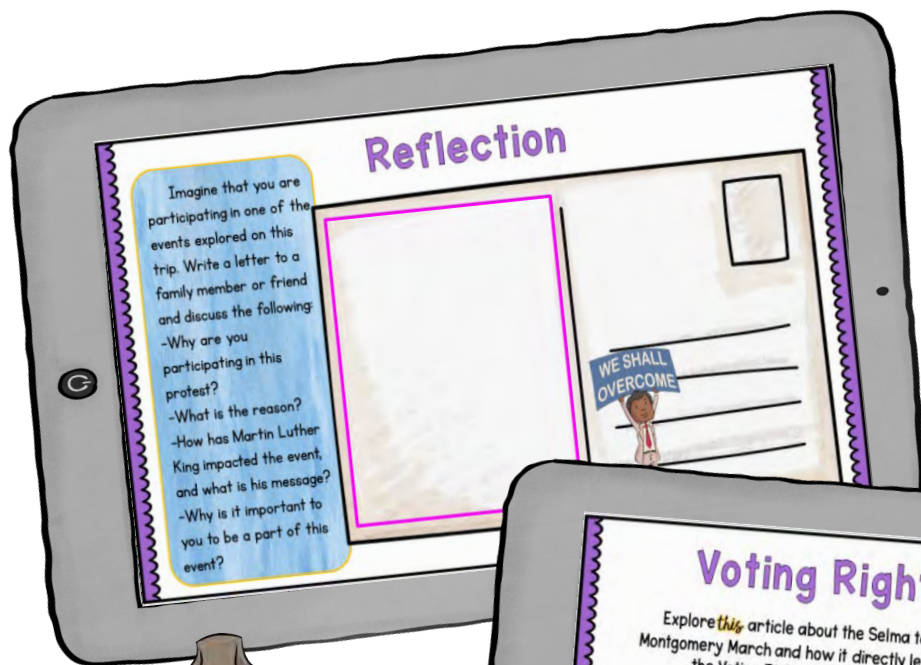


After watching the video, reflect on the #BlackLivesMatter movement. This country continues to struggle with the same injustices that Martin Luther King, Jr. stood up for so many years ago. How does MLK inspire you to get involved in social change?



*Please Note: If you are purchasing this on TPT, instructions for how to embed videos are provided.

Critical Thinking



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP:

Pioneers and the Growth of the United States



The California Gold Rush 1848-1855

Between 1848 and 1855, over 300,000 people flocked to California. They were in search of gold which had been discovered in the area by James Marshall at Sutter's Mill. James had been building a sawmill for John Sutter when he discovered gold flakes in the river nearby. Both men tried to keep the discovery a secret, but word about the gold got out anyway. As soon as people heard the news, prospectors rushed to California to grab some gold for themselves. The population of California before the Gold Rush was only about 14,000, not including Native Americans. In 1848, however, about 6,000 more people came in search of gold. Nearly 90,000 arrived in 1849. These people became known as forty-niners. By 1853, about 250,000 people were living in California.

The early prospectors made a great deal of money panning for gold. They worked hard from early morning to late at night. Panning was a method of separating gold from dirt and gravel.

Miners dumped gravel and water in a pan. They tilted the pan back and forth. Gold worked its way to the bottom of the pan because it is heavy. The gold was easily removed from the useless materials in the pan. New methods were eventually developed later that allowed miners to mine a larger area at once. New discoveries caused miners to make mining camps. These camps grew into bustling towns called boomtowns. At first, miners ran out in an area, however, boomtowns turned into ghost towns. Ghost towns were empty and abandoned. The Gold Rush caused many people to strike it rich and changed the state of California.

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Integrates Reading Skills

The Oregon Trail was the major route pioneers used when traveling to the western parts of the United States in the 1800s. The route began in Independence, Missouri. It ended in northern Oregon, near the Columbia River. The Oregon Trail was around 2,000 miles long. It cut through six different states. Those states included Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, and Oregon. The terrain and the weather were often rough and dangerous. Riding in covered wagons pulled by horses, oxen, or mules didn't make the journey any easier. Getting the wagons over the steep trails of the Rocky Mountains and the Sierra Nevada Mountains presented many challenges, as well.

The journey on the Oregon Trail took about 4-6 months to complete. The pioneers brought very little with them. Covered wagons were mostly filled with food. It took over 1,000 pounds of food to feed a family of four. Preserved foods such as hardtack, coffee, beans, bacon, rice, and flour were commonly taken. Pioneers also hunted for food along the trail. They packed a few basic tools for cooking such as skillets, buckets, and coffee pots. Other supplies included 2-3 sets of rugged clothing, candles, tents, shovels, and rifles. Pioneers were determined to make it to their destinations and start new lives.

The Oregon Trail 1841 - 1866



Social Studies

Pioneers Throughout History

It takes courage to be one of the first people to do something! Pioneers throughout history have shaped the United States with their willingness to try new things.

While the meaning of "pioneer" has always stayed the same, what it means to be a pioneer has changed over time.

This can be seen by exploring periods in history such as Westward Expansion and the Gilded Age.



Interactive Timeline

Growth of the United States

Click on each image to explore an event or time period in history when pioneers took big chances that led to the growth of the United States.

Collect a souvenir after each section that represents a new invention or growth that occurred during that time.

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THE OREGON
TRAIL

THE GOLD
RUSH



THE GUILDED
AGE



Critical Thinking

Effects of the Transcontinental Railroad

Pros

What positive things came out of the creation of the Transcontinental Railroad? How did it benefit and support people at the time, and how does it impact us today?



Cons

What negative things came out of the creation of the Transcontinental Railroad? Who did it harm and how?

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Building California

Watch the video, then move the words below to complete the statements.



California

Gold Rush

forty-niners

3rd state

1. Pioneers and "forty-niners" are largely responsible for the economic growth of .
2. The is the largest mass migration of people in the history of the western hemisphere.
3. The increase in population and the economic growth during the Gold Rush made California the state, it becoming a territory first, which was later admitted to the Union.
4. Although most didn't find gold, their presence in California brought about significant changes.

Reflection

Reflection

After exploring pioneers throughout history, reflect on what you know about who pioneers are and how they impact life today.

What personality traits and what kind of access to money does it take to be a pioneer?	What positive contributions have pioneers made throughout history?	What consequences have pioneers had on the world today?

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP:

Boston, Freedom Trail



Let's Explore!: The Freedom Trail

Directions: Read the passage. Highlight the answers to the questions.

In 1951, a local journalist, William Schofield, suggested building a pedestrian trail through Boston to link important local landmarks. Boston mayor John Hynes made his idea a reality. By 1953, 40,000 people were walking the trail annually.

The Freedom Trail is a path through downtown Boston. The trail is 2.5 miles long. It passes by 16 historical sites that are important to United States history.

The trail is marked with brick. It begins at Boston Common.

It ends at the USS Constitution Museum. Stops along the trail include ground markers, graveyards, churches, buildings, and a naval frigate.



1. Who came up with the idea?

2. What is the Freedom Trail?

3. How many sites are on the trail?

4. How is the trail marked?

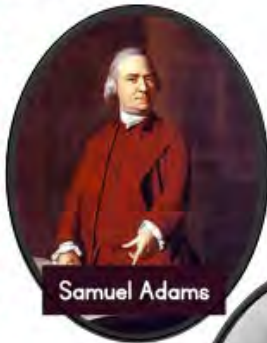
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Stop #4: Granary Burying Ground

Many patriots are buried in Boston's third-oldest cemetery on Tremont Street. Click on the about each.



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Stop #7: Old Corner Bookstore

The Old Corner Bookstore was constructed on the site of Anne Hutchinson's home. Anne Hutchinson was a controversial religious leader. Hutchinson held scripture readings at her home. She was exiled to Rhode Island for her preaching.

In 1708, Thomas Crease purchased the home. It burned down in the Boston Fire in 1711. A new building was built in 1718 as a home and apothecary (medicine) shop.

The building was first used as a bookstore in 1828. The publishing company Ticknor and Fields was located here. They published many well-known American books. Many of the great writers including Nathaniel Hawthorne, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Oliver Wendell Holmes were first published here. The first American editions of Charles Dickens's works were issued from this building.

In 1960, the site was going to be demolished for a new parking garage. Some people in Boston formed a group. They purchased and restored the building for continued use as retail shops and commercial offices.

Highlight three historical uses for this location.

Click on the photo looks like today.



What is at this spot?

Chipotle!



Interactive Map



Freedom Trail Map

Use the map to help guide you through Boston, Massachusetts. Click on each stop along the Freedom Trail to explore and collect stickers for your passport.

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Stop #15: USS Constitution

The USS Constitution is the oldest commissioned warship in the world. She was launched in 1797 from a Boston shipyard. Constitution was one of six original frigates that formed the core of the fledgling United States Navy in the 1790s. She earned a reputation in battle by defeating four British frigates during the War of 1812. Today, she is America's "Ship of State." On special occasions, she has turn-around cruises in Boston Harbor.



Day in the Life of a Ship Boy



What did you learn about life as a ship boy?



Play *Scrub the Decks*



To Map



Critical Thinking Skills

Stop #11: Faneuil Hall

Watch the video about this historical location.



Faneuil Hall, 1789



Faneuil Hall, 2020

Based on the video and pictures, compare and contrast Faneuil Hall in the 1700s and today.

Faneuil Hall in
the 1700s

Both



To Map



VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP:

The "Blues Highway"

Let's Explore!: What are The Blues?

The Blues is a musical genre that originated in the deep south of the United States. Blues music was created by African Americans by combining African musical influences with work songs and spirituals. Blues music has unique sounds and lyrics. Early blues musicians lived hard lives. Blues music echoed their hardship.

Blues music developed over time. There are many different styles of blues music. Some are slow and sad. Others are upbeat and happy. Blues music has influenced the music we listen to today.

Watch this video about the blues.



Have you ever had the blues? What is something that you could sing the blues about?

A large empty rectangular box with a blue border, intended for a student to write their response to the prompt.

Social Studies



Interactive Map & Artist Stage

Pack Your Bags!

Click on each destination to explore the different blues music influences and styles. There are stickers of famous blues musicians to collect throughout your journey. Collect them from each destination (Ctrl + C) and paste them on your stage (Ctrl + V).



Blues Artist Spotlights

Artist Spotlight: Muddy Waters



Watch the video to learn about the famous blues musician Muddy Waters.



Return to Stage

"The blues had a baby and they named it rock 'n' roll."
— Muddy Waters

Why did Muddy Waters move to Chicago?

How did Muddy Waters influence the Chicago Blues Style?

How did Muddy Waters influence modern music?

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Blues Style: That's Why They Call It The Blues



Call & Response: Blues music is rooted in African American work songs. Before the Civil War, enslaved Americans would sing in the fields. Usually, a leader would sing one line. Then the group would sing a second line in response. In blues music, you may hear a singer call and other singers respond. You may also hear the singer call and instruments respond.



Lyric Structure: The lyrics in blues music follow a pattern. You will often hear three lines of rhyming lyrics. The singer sings a line, then repeats it. Then, the singer will sing a third line that is related to the first two lines. This is called an "A A B" pattern.



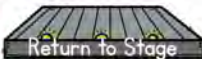
Blues Notes: The unique sound of blues music comes from the use of flat notes. Flat notes create a soulful sound. African music uses flat notes, which likely influenced blues music.

Listen to "When the Levee Breaks" by
Kansas Joe & Memphis Minnie

What elements of blues music do you hear?



Memphis Minnie



Return to Stage



Writing

Write Your Own Blues!

Blues musicians sang about nearly everything. Most of the songs were about everyday daily life. When enslaved African Americans sang in the fields, they sometimes used music to communicate secret messages. Many blues musicians incorporated messages into their songs. Blues lyrics may seem simple, but their meaning can be complex.

Blues is for everyone! Write your own blues verse or song using the elements you just learned!

What is the topic of your song?

Critical Thinking Skills

Let's Explore!: The Mississippi Delta

The Mississippi Delta covers Northwestern Mississippi. It includes parts of Arkansas and Louisiana. The area is 200 miles long and 80 miles across. The Mississippi and Yazoo rivers have flooded for thousands of years. The flooding made the land good for farming.

Before the Civil War, the Mississippi Delta was home to many enslaved African Americans. They lived and worked on farms called plantations. They were prohibited from speaking their native African languages. They were forced to abandon many aspects of their culture. Under these restrictions, they developed their own culture of work songs and spirituals.

After the Civil War, new laws made it difficult for African Americans to earn money and own property. A system called sharecropping was developed. Workers leased land and supplies from landowners in exchange for a portion of their harvest.

Watch the video to learn more about sharecropping.



How was sharecropping unfair for the workers?

Social Studies

Let's Explore!: Chicago, Illinois

Watch the video about the Great Migration.



Why did so many African Americans move to northern cities?

How did the Great Migration impact blues music?

Watch the video about the Chicago Blues.



What is the difference between delta blues and Chicago blues?

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP:

To Salem, MA



The Witch House

Take a Video Tour of this Museum



What did you notice on this virtual tour?

The Jonathan Corwin House Witch House. Judge Jonathan Corwin was in charge of investigating claims of witchcraft that began in Salem Village. His court sessions were held here.

This is the only structure that survived the Salem witch trials. It was built in 1642. Corwin purchased it in 1675 and lived there for 20 years. In the 1940s, the home was widened. It has been restored to its original appearance in the 17th Century.

This house is now a museum.

Highlight why this home is significant in the history of Salem.



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All About the Salem Witch Trials

The Salem Witch Trials

Click on the photo to read about the events of the Salem witch trials.



Summarize the event that started the Salem witch trials.

What was the effect of the girls' accusations?

Integrates Reading

The History Behind Salem

Salem is a historical coastal city in Massachusetts. Salem was originally a Native American village and trading center. The Naumkeag people lived here long before colonists. Puritan colonists migrated to Salem in 1630 in search of religious freedom. Salem became a significant seaport. While Salem has a deep history that spans from indigenous peoples, colonists, and war, it is infamous for a historic event called The Salem witch trials. The Salem witch trials occurred in 1692 when a hysteria hit the city and over 150 people were accused of witchcraft. Today, the witch trials are still what this city is best known for. Nearly a million tourists visit this city each year, many seeking to experience fictional Halloween and witch related attractions.

Where is Salem located?

Who were the first people in Salem?

What is Salem best known for?

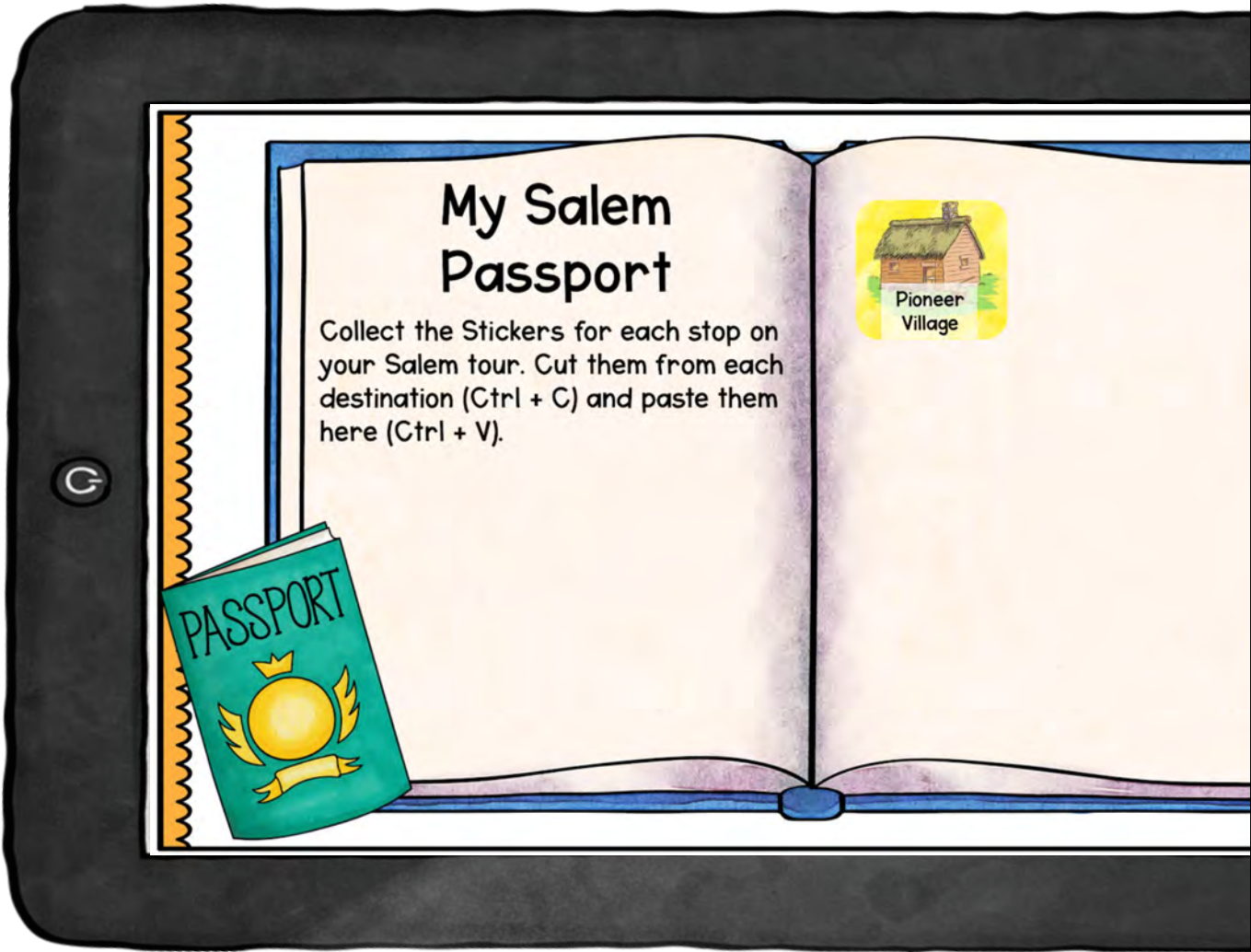


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Interactive Map & Passport



Primary Sources

Samuel Sewall

Read the primary sources to learn more about the Salem Witch Trials.

Read the diary of Samuel Sewall.



What happened on April 11, 1692?

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Samuel Sewall was one of nine judges who presided over the Salem witch trials. His diary recounts many events of the trials and reflects the increased guilt of the events.

Sewall later regretted his role in these terrible historical events. He called for a public day of prayer, fasting, and reparations. He later believed that witchcraft did not exist, and that he had ruled on insubstantial evidence.



Pop Culture & Writing

Film and Television in Salem

The city of Salem has taken advantage of their spooky past by capitalizing on tourism. Hollywood has filmed many scenes in this mystical place in various TV Shows and movies.



Bewitched
Statue

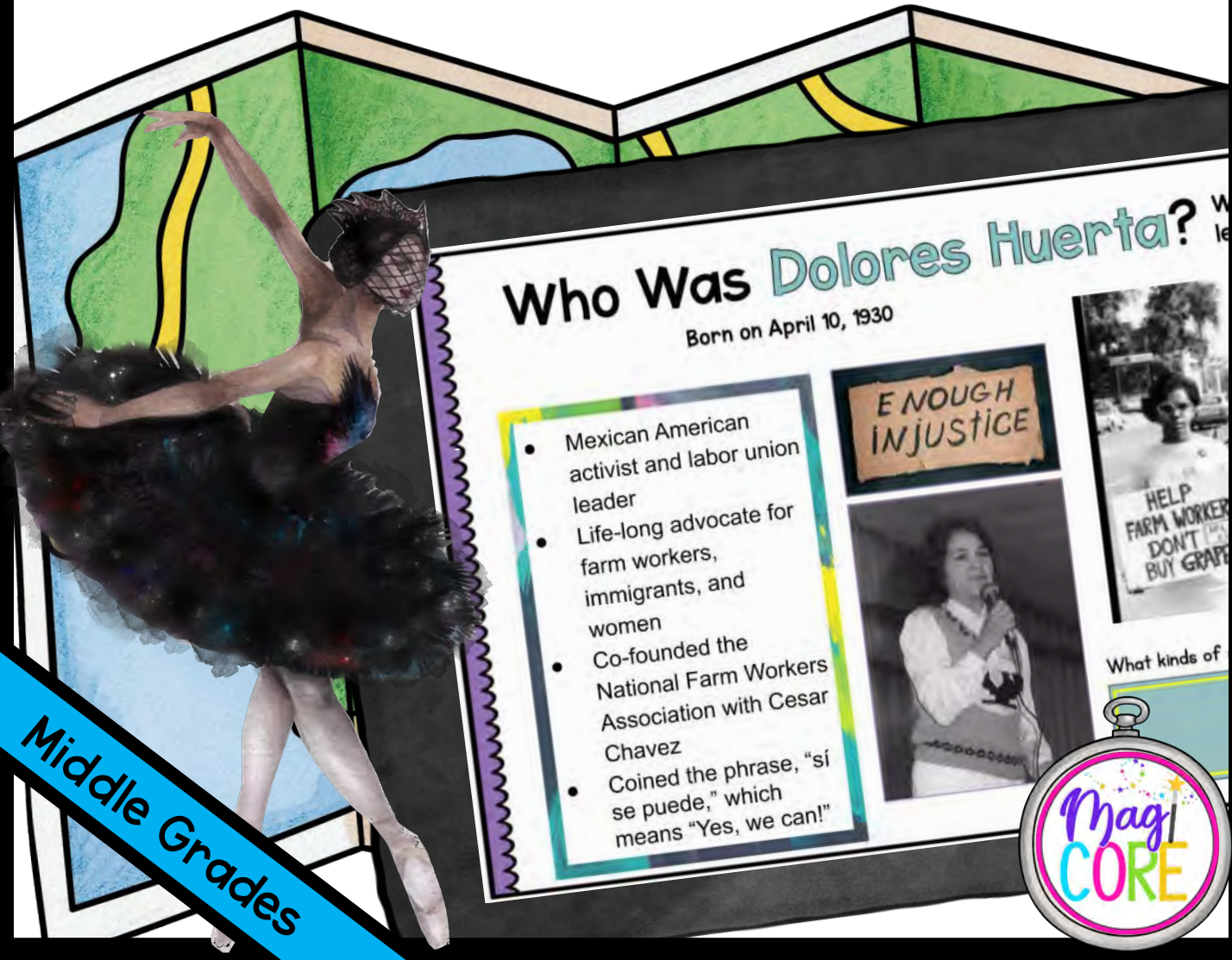
The 1960's TV show Bewitched filmed some episodes in Salem. Watch the video about the controversy with this statue.

© Julie Barker



Hocus Pocus filmed some of their scenes in Salem, MA.

Virtual Field Trip: Women's History in the U.S.A



Who Was Dolores Huerta?

Born on April 10, 1930

- Mexican American activist and labor union leader
- Life-long advocate for farm workers, immigrants, and women
- Co-founded the National Farm Workers Association with Cesar Chavez
- Coined the phrase, "sí se puede," which means "Yes, we can!"

ENOUGH
INJUSTICE



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Social Studies

Celebrating Women's History!



Maria Tallchief



Dolores Huerta

History is full of women who have broken barriers and made big changes to our society. Women's History Month is a time to celebrate and honor these female trailblazers and change-makers.

In this virtual field trip, we will explore four amazing women of different ethnicities. Not only did they help shape this country, but they also paved the way for all women to follow.

Integrates Reading

Who Was Althea Gibson?

August 35, 2027 – September 28, 2003

- African American tennis champion and author
- First person to win 10 consecutive American Tennis Association women's titles
- The first African American to win a championship at Wimbledon (the oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament)

Queen Elizabeth II presenting Althea Gibson with the 1957 Wimbledon championship trophy.



To kick off the 2019 US Open at the National Tennis Center, a ceremony memorial sculpture of Althea Gibson dedication was long overdue! [Click above](#) (of Althea Gibson holding a [view photos of the ceremony](#) and

Social Justice

Cesar Chavez,
reviewing the march
route for the Delano
Grape Strike.



Dolores Huerta and Larry Itliong
(Filipino-American labor organizer; co-
organizer of the Delano Grape Strike)

The Delano Grape Strike

One of the Most Important Strikes in American History

Watch the video to the
right about The Delano
Grape Strike. This is just
one of the many successful
union strikes that Dolores
Huerta helped organize.



The Delano Grape Strike was one of the most famous and successful workers boycotts in US history. What did the Filipino and Mexican workers come together to fight against? Place a heart next to each correct answer.

Toxic pesticides

Unfair wages /
very low pay

Injury

Harsh working
conditions

Kind employers

Unsafe working
conditions

Engaging & Educational Media

Who Was **Maria Tallchief**?

January 24, 1925 – April 11, 2013



Prima ballerina:
the very best
ballet dancer in a
dance company



Watch the video below about Maria Tallchief

What Native American reservation was Maria Tallchief from?

Why did dance students in Los Angeles make fun of her?

Maria Tallchief refused to change something about herself that would make her "fit in" better in the world of ballet. What did she refuse to change?

Critical Thinking Skills

More About Althea Gibson

Watch an informational video about Althea Gibson [\[here\]](#) and a book about her life [\[here\]](#). Use the organizer below to compare and contrast the information you learned.

VIDEO

BOTH

Virtual Field Trip: Pride Parade



Celebrating Pride History!

The LGBTQ+ community has faced inequality throughout history. People are discriminated against. Laws do not treat people who are LGBTQ+ equally. Activists are people who fight for equality. Anyone can be an activist. Click on each photograph to learn about each LGBTQ+ activist.



Marsha P. Johnson



Audre Lorde



Harvey Milk



Great Resource for Pride Month

What is Pride?

Pride means to be proud of yourself. Pride month is a time to celebrate and support LGBTQ people.

What is LGBTQ+?

L- Lesbian

G- Gay

B- Bisexual

T-Transgender

Q- Queer or questioning



Simply, this means supporting people who love others. When people say, "love is love", that means that love is the same whether it is a male and a female, two males, or two females.



Social Studies

The History of Pride



Bring the flag to
the Pride
Parade!



Why were the events
Stonewall Inn in signi

Integrates Reading

Who Was Marsha P. Johnson?

August 24, 1945 - July 6, 1992



Marsha P. Johnson was a transgender woman who lived in New York City. She became an activist for LGBTQ rights. She was well-known for her involvement with Sylvia Rivera during the Stonewall Riots. Marsha participated in demonstrations and marches after Stonewall occurred. Both Marsha and Sylvia founded an organization called S.T.A.R. to give shelter to LGBTQ homeless youth. Marsha died in 1992. Her friends believe she was killed. Marsha is remembered today for her spirit and contributions to the LGBTQ+ community.

Read this quote by Marsha. P. J.
reflection about what this mean

*"You never completely have your rights
you all have your rights." - Marsha*

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The Pride Flag

Listen to the book *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag*.



Bring Harvey to
the Pride
Parade!

Think about something that is important to your identity. Design a flag to represent what you are proud of. Use the shapes tool or the movable pieces.



LGBTQ Figures

Celebrating Pride History!



Marsha P. Johnson



Audre Lorde

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Harvey Milk



Desmond is Amazing



Billie



Integrates Writing

Pride Reflection

Now you have learned what Pride is all about. You have also learned about some LGBTQ+ groups and activists. Select one person you have learned about and summarize how they worked to change the world.



Drag and drop their picture here.



Critical Thinking

Who Was Harvey Milk?

May 22, 1930 - November 27, 1978



Harvey Milk was the first openly gay elected official. He was a pioneer for LGBTQ+ rights.

Watch the video to learn about Harvey Milk's work.

"Hope will never be



Fill in the Cause-and-Effect Chart

Cause	Effect
	Harvey Milk decided to run for political office.
	Harvey Milk left behind a legacy of LGBTQ+ rights.

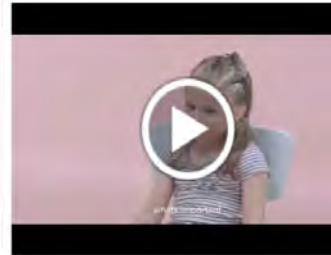
Promotes Activism

Be an Ally!

An ally is a friend who supports equal rights. An ally stands up for others who are being treated unfairly because of differences.

1. Take on issues of equality as your own. The fight belongs to everyone. Not just marginalized people.
2. Speak up if you see injustice.
3. Listen and learn from marginalized people.
4. Believe the experiences of people who are marginalized.
5. Ask questions! Never stop questioning why things are the way they are. If they are unfair or inequitable, how do you think they should change? How can you play a role in this and start now?
6. Keep learning!

Bring the friends
to the Pride
Parade! →



Think of a situation you may experience you could show allyship. Write about it below.

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