

Living Wax Museum Project

We are about to embark on a journey to find more information about a variety of historical figures in early American history. These people played important roles in the early years of American history, and it will be your job to bring these people to life through actions and words.



Your task:

1. Choose a person from the list attached. These are all of the people that you may have already learned about this year or someone who we will encounter before the year's end.
2. Start your research. Fill in the Resume Builder graphic organizer as you gather your information. You may use a variety of sources including, the Internet, encyclopedias, text books, biographies etc. This is not a book report. While you may find out when your person was born, died, and where he or she was born, this is not your focus. The question you should answer is: WHAT WAS THIS PERSON'S CONTRIBUTION to American history?
3. You will write a well organized paper that answers this question with clarity and illuminates this person's life for your classmates.
4. Keep track of your resources on the "All My Resources" organizer.
5. Once you have completed your research you will prepare a one to three minute presentation using the information you have gathered. Your presentation should include the significant contribution. Use the "Smart Presentation Planner" to guide you.
6. Use the rubric to guide you as you practice your presentation. Focus on all of the items listed in the "4" column for each category. You should practice at home, but you will be given time in class for practice as well. You should memorize your presentation. Becoming the person is imperative to making your wax museum debut believable.
7. For your presentation you will dress "the part". Find or make props and items that are appropriate to your person.
8. **The Presentation:** The room in which you make your presentation will be darkened. People who come to visit the *wax museum* will be given a flashlight. When they shine the flashlight on your person, your person will come alive.
9. During the time you are waiting for your person to be "alive", you will stand very still until it is your turn. Please respect others while they are performing.
10. We will have a presentation night. Details for this night will be provided at a later date.
11. Most importantly, HAVE FUN!!!