



**Class Title:** Blue/ Orange Voices from the Past: A Living Wax Museum

**Teacher Name:** Megan VanderHeide

**Class Day:** Friday

**Class Size:** 16

**Class Supply Fee:** \$33

**Class Fee:** \$96

**Ages or color group served:** Blue/ Orange

**What level is this class:** Level 2

**Prerequisites:** Students need to be able to complete the work, therefore they need to be able to read, write, use supplies such as scissors and glue, follow directions and do basic research.

**Graduation Requirements:** Complete a living wax museum project; which will involve costume, visual display and presentation.

**Homework Requirements:** There will be parts of this class that will need to be completed or finished at home.

**Class Description:**

In the Living Wax Museum class, students will step into the shoes of some of history's most influential figures, bringing them to life through research, public speaking, and creative expression. Over the course of 12 weeks, students will choose a historical figure to portray and dive into their biography, legacy, and personal perspective. As they work on writing a compelling monologue, designing costumes, and creating props, they will also develop essential public speaking and performance skills.

The class will culminate in an interactive Living Wax Museum event, where students will stand as "wax figures" and present their monologues to an audience, answering questions from visitors in character. This hands-on experience will not only teach students about history but also help them develop confidence, creativity, and communication skills that will last a lifetime.



Students are responsible for providing their own costume or outfit to represent their chosen historical figure. Costumes should be brought to class by Week 11 for final rehearsals and the event. Outfits can be sourced from Goodwill, Amazon, or any store, and reused or repurposed items from home are absolutely welcome and encouraged. Creativity and resourcefulness are key!

**Week 1:**

Introduction and choosing figures

Activities

- Discussions
- Brainstorming
- Time Travel Interview

Public Speaking Activity: Two truths & a lie

Homework: Find research information( books and websites)

**Week 2:**

Research- Biographical Information

Activities

- Start Research
- Timeline Challenge/ Mapping
- Biography Research Guide

Public Speaking Activity: Figure Introductions

Homework: Research

**Week 3:**

Research- Personal Perspective & Legacy

Activities

- Research
- identifying Most Important Moments
- Group Discussions

Public Speaking Activity: Explaining your importance

Homework: Finish Research

Find Quote

**Week 4:**

Monologue

Activities:

- Discussion
- Monologue Outline
- Create monologue

Public speaking Activity: Telling your story

Homework: Finish monologue

**Week 5:**

Costumes & Props

Activity:

- Costume Discussion & Brainstorming
- Prop Discussion & Brainstorming

Public Speaking Activity: Practice standing & presenting with prop

Homework: Costumes & Prop

**Week 6:**

Visual Display

Activity:

- Trifold Display board

Homework: Finishing Display board

**Week 7:**

Character Development

Activities

- Body language Research & Practice
- Character Reflection

Public Speaking Activity: Expressing Your character

Homework: Memorize Monologue

**Week 8:**

Public Speaking Focus & Audience Engagement

Activities

- Audience Interaction Practice
- Engagement Techniques

Public Speaking Activity:

Answering Questions

Homework: Continue working on all aspect of the project

**Week 9:**

Being in Character

Activities:

- Character Immersion
- Interactive Q & A
- Peer Performance
- Freezing in position

Public Speaking Activity:

Projecting your Voice

Homework: Continues working on all aspect of project

**Week 10:**

Final Preparations for Event

Activity:

- Peer Feedback, 1 in 1
- museum Layout Discussion

Public Speaking Activity:

Public Speaking Check in

Homework: Continue on all aspect of the project

**Week 11:**



**HOMESCHOOL**

**COLLABORATORS**

**UNITED**

**CO-OP & HYBRID ACADEMY**



Final Rehearsal

Activity:

- Dress Rehearsal
- Museum Set up
- Peer Feedback

Homework: Make sure ready for event

**Week 12:**

Living Wax Museum Event

Families Welcome to attend!!