

# Fifth Grade Wax Museum

## What:

The fifth grade Wax Museum is a hands-on research project for fifth grade social studies.



## Students will:

1. Select an important historical figure from your social studies book or from the ideas website.  
(Approved by Mr. Schiller or Mrs. DeWys)
2. Research this person and write a report on him/her.  
Requirements for this report are given on the back of this handout.
3. Commit your report to memory.
4. Dress up as your historical figure and give your report to the school while pretending to be that person in our "Wax Museum".

## When (Due Dates):

1. Select Historical Figure - \_\_\_\_\_
2. Research Complete - \_\_\_\_\_
3. Rough Draft of report due - \_\_\_\_\_
4. Final Report Due - \_\_\_\_\_
5. Committed to memory - \_\_\_\_\_
5. Wax Museum Day - \_\_\_\_\_



**Report Requirements:** (Things that need to be in your written report):

1. Essential facts, when they lived, other important information about their life.
2. Give an example of an important decision or action by your character and tell whether it was the right thing to do or not based on how events worked out.
3. What the time period was like that they lived in.
4. Two interesting facts from their lives.
5. Tell what they did that was important in history.
6. It should be written in ***first person conversation format***. For example, a report on George Washington might begin this way: "Hi, my name is George Washington. I was born in the year...."

**Length:** Your report should be about one page typed at most, or two pages neatly hand written. It should not be longer than this because this will make it more difficult to memorize the information.

**Questions about Costumes:**

1. What do I need to wear for my costume?
  - This will need to be part of your research. Start with [learningforkids.com](http://learningforkids.com) then try a [google.com](http://google.com) search (for example; clothing in 1750 or women's clothing in 1750).
1. Now that I know what type of clothing I need to wear, how do I locate that clothing?
  - Good places to look for clothing would be: Goodwill, Nearly New Shops, Grandparent closets, other ideas for costumes are welcome.