



SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

COAT HANGER HISTORY CHARACTERS

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Activity Description

The Coat Hanger History Characters activity allows students to research facts about people that had an impact on the development of our country. Students report facts and display the Coat Hanger Character they created.

Suggested Grade Level

Elementary level

Estimated Time to Complete

One to two class periods; some of the work can be done at home as homework

Objectives

Students will

- research important characters in history to find facts about the contributions that these characters made in history;
- write facts, design a replica of their important person, then present facts about that person in a class presentation.

Materials Needed

- Coat hangers (enough so each student has one to use)
- Colored construction paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Tape
- Glue
- 3-by-5 inch index cards
- Pencils
- Cardboard oval for each student

Activity Procedures

1. Collect enough metal coat hangers for the class.
2. Allow students to research facts on important people in history.

3. Students write the name of the important person and some important facts about that person on a 3-by-5 inch index card.
4. Have each student find a picture of an important person to use as a model.
5. Use colored construction paper to cover the coat hanger. Use the lower part of the hanger for the shoulders of the person, not the hook part.
6. Cut one oval out of cardboard to use as the head. Glue appropriate colored paper to the front side of the cardboard oval. This will be the face. Use markers or colored paper to make eyes, nose, and mouth.
7. Cover the back side of the oval with colored paper to match the hair color. Remember to wrap the paper around to the front side of the oval so it looks like the hair is over the sides of the face.
8. Tape the cardboard oval to the hook part of the coat hanger. If you want the character to stand up on a table, bend the ends of the lower part of the coat hanger forward.
9. Place the index cards the students created earlier in front of each character and display.
10. Allow students to share their character's information.