



Teaching with Historic Places Lesson Plan

Miss Columbia Doll

School: Veterans Memorial School
Subject: American History

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Grade: 1-2

Introduction:

The students will learn not just about the Miss Columbia doll at the Wenham Museum, but will also learn about different cultures and improve their writing skills. The students will have their own Ms. USA doll who goes home with a different student during each week. The students will keep a journal of Ms. USA activities.

Objectives:

- Students will demonstrate an understanding of an individual's daily activities from different cultures. They will be viewing and creating a primary source document of the activities.

Materials:

- Ms. USA Doll
- Journal
- Pen and crayons, colored pencils, or markers



Miss Columbia

Procedures:

Students will first visit the Wenham Museum. They will view the story of the original Miss Columbia doll and learn her story. The students will then learn about the re-release of the Miss Columbia doll in 2000. Once back in the classroom, students will recreate the experience by taking home their own Ms. USA doll and journaling about her adventures.

Evaluation:

Students will help create a journal of Ms. USA's activities. They will then generate a Venn diagram comparing and contrasting the differences of Ms. USA's activities and Miss Columbia's activities.

Extension at Home:

Students can track the trip of Miss Columbia in 2000-2002 online. The web site is: <http://www.wenhammuseum.org/columbia/>