

Missouri Unit

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Introduction:

Missouri has many famous places, as well as people, who have come from or visited our state, let us brainstorm some places that you think are famous.

Let the students brainstorm places that they know:

The Gateway Arch	Arabia Steamboat Museum
Liberty Memorial	Negro Leagues Baseball Museum
Country Club Plaza Hallmark	Worlds of Fun
American Royal	Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Union Station	Black World History Museum
Anheuser Busch	Pony Express Museum
12 th & Vine	Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio
Six Flags	State Historic Site
American Jazz Museum	Lake of the Ozarks

Who are some people from Missouri that are famous?

Entertainment

Walt Disney	Burt Bacharach
Sheryl Crow	Dick Van Dyke
Jean Harlow	Count Basie
Charlie Parker	Chuck Berry
Josephine Baker	Ginger Rogers
Betty Grable	Virginia Mayo

Art

Thomas Hart Benton	Rose O Neill
George Caleb Bingham	Walt Disney

Literature

Mark Twain	Langston Hughes
Laura Ingalls Wilder	Tennessee Williams
T.S. Elliot	Harold Bell Wright

Government

Harry S. Truman	Senator Stuart Symington (1953-1977)
Senator Thomas Hart Benton (1782-1858)	

Do you know of any special events that took place in Missouri?

1811 – The worst known earthquake in the US occurred in New Madrid, Missouri, in the southeast part of the state.

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- 1831 – The Mormon War (to drive Mormons out of Missouri)
- 1844 – A flood occurred in Missouri that destroyed the Kansas City area
- 1846 – Dred Scott case
- 1849 – A cholera epidemic, the second and most serious, hit St. Louis. 4,000 died as a result.
- 1854 – Kansas-Nebraska Act was signed and it did away with the Missouri Compromise and allowed each state to decide if it would be a slave or free state.
- 1866 to 1882 – Frank and Jessie James and their gang wreak havoc across Missouri and the surrounding area.
- 1873 – First public kindergarten in the U.S. started in St. Louis
- 1875 – A grasshopper plague occurred that caused an estimated \$15 million in damage in Missouri
- 1904 – The World’s Fair in St. Louis
- 1946 – Winston Churchill delivers his famous “Iron Curtain” speech in Fulton, Missouri.
- 1993 – Missouri River flood

Why do you think I brought up Winston Churchill?

Has anyone heard of him? Politician

Does anyone know where he is from? Great Britain

Does anyone know why he may be linked to Missouri?

He gave an important speech in Fulton, Missouri at the Westminster College, in 1946. His speech, which introduced the expression “Iron Curtain”, was very controversial, described the division between Western powers and the Soviet Union, and marked the onset of the Cold War. Westminster College has created a museum to honor that special speech and we will be touring the museum on our field trip. While there, you will be doing a “Scavjeopardy”** activity. I will provide the worksheet once we arrive. We will have about 2 hours to visit the museum and with your parent chaperone, I want you to work together to complete the assignment. Another thing I want you to be aware of is what does Sir Winston Churchill look like?

Follow-up Activity

Sir Winston Churchill Bobble Head

Materials Needed

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| 2-liter soda bottle, empty and clean | Fabric (black, white) |
| Glue | Styrofoam ball (3") |
| Scissors | Craft items optional |

Directions

The students will cut out a hole from the Styrofoam ball so that it will sit on top of the soda bottle screw cap. Glue into place. Use the material to fabricate clothes, hat, etc, and, using craft items or markers, they can create a face.

Upon completion, students will write a short summary of their field trip and the most memorable thing they learned about Winston Churchill.

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