

ARTIFACTS ROADSHOW

Learning Objective(s): The student will

Identify points of view on a social studies issue or event
Create a written and visual presentation of social studies information

*Various other objectives on content-according to the event covered
in the student's choice of historical time period

TEKS: 8.29D; 8.30D

Materials Needed: Research material, History text,
Use of computers (optional)

Vocabulary: artifact, historical fiction

Teaching Strategy:

1. Conduct a class discussion about historical fiction. Historical fiction is a story written about a fictional character set during an actual historical time or event. (LA teachers can provide additional information for background) Discuss the word artifact and examples of artifacts from content to be covered.
2. Each student will choose an artifact from a historical time period. Examples-button from a Union/Confederate soldiers coat, broadsheet from the reform movement, a ladies hairbrush from early Texas, a bowl or spoon from the local mission. Anything can be used for an artifact, provided it is historically accurate (i.e. a medical instrument before it was created or a wrist watch before they were developed)
3. Students will write a backstory for the artifact using the historical fiction format. Stories must be tied to an actual battle, event or activity from history. The stories must provide as much factual information about the battle event or activity as they can.
4. Students should physically recreate the artifact for the roadshow.
5. Students may practice their "stories" with a peer and/or present them to the class.
6. Set up the roadshow in a library or commons area. Invite other classes, faculty and parents to come to the roadshow and have the students explain the "story" of their artifact.

*** Record and show excerpts of the "Antiques Roadshow" as an example for the final product presentation.*

***Examples of historical fiction, Across Five Aprils-Irene Hunt; Witch of Blackbird Pond-Elizabeth Speare; Johnny Tremain Ester Forbes*