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

Who are some people from Missouri that are famous?

**Entertainment**

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

**Art**

- Thomas Hart Benton
- George Caleb Bingham
- Rose O Neill
- Walt Disney

**Literature**

- Mark Twain
- Laura Ingalls Wilder
- T.S. Elliot
- Langston Hughes
- Tennessee Williams
- 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
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
2-liter soda bottle, empty and clean
Glue
Scissors

Fabric (black, white)
Styrofoam ball (3”)
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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