



Immigration

Middle School Teacher Instructions and Activity

Students will research a famous immigrant to America and write a short newspaper article about this person on a reproducible sheet.

Supplies needed: pencil or pen, crayons or colored pencils, reference material like an encyclopedia or Internet access, reproducible sheet with newspaper template on it

Directions:

1. Let students pick a famous American immigrant from the list (provided with these instructions) or assign each student an immigrant.
2. Pass out the reproducible sheet with the newspaper template on it.
3. Direct students to research their immigrant. They need to find out three things: what country they came from, when they came to America, and what this person did to become well known in American history.
4. When their research is complete, ask students to write a short newspaper article about this person, starting with their arrival in America. Remind them to write an interesting headline and write their name as the author of the article.

Example: Rudyard Kipling arrived in America in 1892. He was from India. He was a famous writer and a poet. He wrote "The Jungle Book."

5. Have students color and/or decorate their article.
6. Ask students to present their articles to the class and then hang their articles on the bulletin board.

Immigrant List

- Charles Atlas (real name was Angelo Siciliano)
- Irving Berlin (real name was Israel Beilin)
- Max Factor
- Bob Hope (real name was Leslie Hape)
- Baron von Trapp
- Rudolph Valentino
- Johnny Weissmuller (real name was Johann)
- Harry Houdini
- Hyman Rickover
- Knute Rockne
- Al Jolson
- John Muir
- Joseph Pulitzer
- Levi Strauss
- Andrew Carnegie
- Alexander Graham Bell
- John J. Audobon
- Henry Kissinger
- Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Madeleine Albright
- Liz Claiborne

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