



Expansion Teaching Activities and Resources

Go Figure: History Makers in Richmond

Vocab

History maker	one that by acts, ideas, or existence modifies the course of history.
Legacy	objects or ideas created in the past that remains significant today.
Monument	statue built to remember or commemorate a person.
Museum	a place where important things are preserved: a building or institution where objects of artistic, historical or scientific importance or value are kept, studied and put on display.
Patriotism	the love of one's country.
Preservation	to keep up or maintain an object or structure so that it may be enjoyed by future generations.

History Makers need to eat too!

Did you know Thomas Jefferson loved peas? Did you know Bill Bojangles Robinson supposedly ate a quart of ice cream each day? Did you know you can find a cookbook that belonged to Maggie Walker [online](#) (that contains recipes for fried chicken and baked rabbit?)

Discuss how Americans and Richmonder's food habits have changed or stayed the same over time. Have students look into what meals were popular around the time that the history makers below lived (using some of the resources below). Students can present on their findings or you can have a class potluck to share the different foods they discovered.

Powhatan Indians - http://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/cooking_in_early_virginia_indian_society

Christopher Newport - <http://www.historyisfun.org/jamestown-settlement/foods-and-feasts/>

Thomas Jefferson - <https://www.monticello.org/site/jefferson/dinner-served>

Bill Bojangles - <http://www.paulwilliamsproject.org/gallery/residence-bill-bojangles-robinson-los-angeles-ca/>

Maggie Walker-

http://www.nps.gov/museum/exhibits/Maggie_Walker/exb/Life%20At%20Home/C%20Family/MAWA-3335a.html



Future History Makers

Have a class discussion and make a list about what makes someone a history maker? Do they change things for the better? Do they make speeches? Do they inspire others?

Ask students to think of people today that embody the list of qualities belonging to a history maker.

Dear Diary:

Have each student in the class review information about one of the history makers below and create a diary entry written by that person. Include their thoughts about their job, and how they felt while they were making history.

Thomas Jefferson
Patrick Henry

Bill Bojangles Robinson
Maggie Walker

Arthur Ashe

From Tap Dancing to Tennis!

Bill Bojangles learned to dance as a child in Richmond before becoming a star in Hollywood and Arthur Ashe practiced almost daily on Richmond tennis courts. Show students videos of Bill Bojangles dancing or Arthur Ashe playing tennis and see if they can get up and emulate any of their moves!

Arthur Ashe at Wimbledon (1975) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6Z_CefQXJQ

Arthur Ashe teaching a backhand tennis swing - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I16WkSFetfg>

Bill Bojangles Robinson and Shirley Temple in Little Colonel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtHvetGnOdM>

Bill Bojangles Robinson's Step Dance (1934) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIQJzcldzAw>



Resources

Books

Adler, David. *A picture book of Patrick Henry*. Holiday House, 1995.

Boyd, Bently, *Vital Virginians*. Williamsburg: Chester Comix, LLC, 2004.

Dillon, Diane and Leo, *Rap A Tap Tap, Here's Bojangles- Think of That!* New York: Blue Sky Press, 2002.

Hubbard, Crystal, *Game Set, Match, Champion: Arthur Ashe*. New York: Lee and Low Books, Inc, 2010.

Kalman, Maira, *Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Everything*. Nanc Paulsen Books, First Edition, 2014.

Rosinsky, Natalie. *The Powhatan and Their History (We the people)*. Compass Point Books, 2005.

Web resources

Patrick Henry - <http://historicstjohnschurch.org/meet-the-man>

Thomas Jefferson's virtual Monticello - <http://explorer.monticello.org/>

Maggie Walker - <http://www.nps.gov/mawa/index.htm>

Powhatan Indians - <http://www.nps.gov/jame/learn/historyculture/copy-of-the-powhatan-indian-world.htm>