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HISTORY

Resources for at-home practice

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RESEARCH A HISTORICAL FIGURE

Pick someone interesting like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Betsy Ross, Helen Keller, Anne Frank, Hercules, Zeus, or Poseidon. Spend 10–15 minutes reading a short story, article, or kid-friendly biography about that person. Ask your child simple questions, such as:

Who was this person?

What were they known for?

What challenges did they face?

What was the most interesting thing you learned?

Let them explain the person’s life in their own words. This helps build comprehension and memory. You can even help them draw a picture of the character or write 3 facts you learned together.

BUILD ANCIENT ARTIFACTS

Art projects are a fun way to explore history. Try making an Egyptian tomb or mummy using paper, cardboard, or clay, or create Grecian columns with paper towel rolls, construction paper, or clay. You can also create a clay cuneiform tablet by pressing wedge-shaped marks into air-dry clay with a toothpick, just like ancient Mesopotamian writing, or design an Egyptian cartouche by decorating a cardboard oval with hieroglyphics and colorful patterns. These hands-on activities help students connect with ancient civilizations while building creativity and fine-motor skills.

MAKE A "FAMOUS PERSON TRADING CARD"

Choose a historical figure and create a trading card with their picture, important facts, and major accomplishments. This helps with research, summarizing, and remembering key information.

COOK A RECIPE FROM HISTORY

Pick a food from a time period you're studying, such as ancient grains, colonial cornbread, or a simple medieval snack. Cooking together helps kids learn how people lived and ate long ago.

ACT OUT A HISTORICAL SCENE

Choose a moment in history—like the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a space launch, or a famous invention—and act it out together. Kids can make simple props or costumes to bring the scene to life.