Ezekiel Darling was the first lighthouse keeper for the Marblehead lighthouse. He held this post from 1835 to 1860, the longest of any of the keepers. The lighthouse looked a lot different when Darling lived and worked there. Before this job, he served on the famous Navy ship, the U.S.S. Constitution, and was injured during the War of 1812.

Part of the job as lighthouse keeper was to make sure the light, a candle, was kept lit all through the night. How would you feel about making sure it was kept lit?

Elisha Story was actually born in Boston and was an activist in events leading to the American Revolution. He was one of the men who participated in the Boston Tea Party that protested the tax on tea. He also fought in battles alongside George Washington. After the war, he settled with his family in Marblehead and was a practicing doctor for the rest of his life. The Museum has one of his medicine chests in its collection!
Robert "King" Hooper
Born: June 26, 1709
Died: 1790
Specifics unknown
Address: 8 Hooper Street

Joseph Story
Born: September 18, 1779
Died: September 10, 1845
Address: 102 Washington St.

To achieve what he did at such a young age, how dedicated to knowledge and learning do you think Joseph Story was?

Consider this: Joseph Story, the son of Elisha, was born in Marblehead. He made his money in international trade as he owned quite a fleet of ships. He was named "Friend" and he served as a fire warden. During the events leading up to the American Revolution, Hooper found himself on the side of the Tories (aka, side of the British). How would you feel if you had to choose a side, and ended up choosing a side that lost? Is there a way for you avoid choosing sides? What would you consider in making your choice?
Character Cards

Name:  Eleanor Prentiss Cressy
Born:  September 21, 1814
Died:  August 25, 1900
Address:  13 High Street, Marblehead
Occupation:  Navigator

Fun Facts:
Eleanor Prentiss learned her navigation skills from her dad, who was a mariner. When she grew up, she married Josiah Cressy who captained the ship *The Flying Cloud*. Eleanor joined her husband aboard the ship, and together they broke the record for the fastest clipper ship to sail from New York City, NY to San Francisco, CA. In fact, Eleanor was the ship's navigator! The idea of a woman in such a position was unheard of during that time and the record she set lasted over 100 years!

Consider this....
What skills do you think would be helpful for navigation? Math? Map reading? What else? How would you feel if you had to get from point A to point B without a GPS or other modern technology?

Character Cards

Name:  Lucretia Brown
Born:  September 1772, specifics unknown
Died:  May 21, 1857
Address:  21 Gingerbread Hill, Marblehead
Occupation:  Cook, Tavern Owner

Fun Facts:
Lucretia Thomas (she married Joseph Brown) was born free, her parents however had been previously enslaved. After she married Joseph (a Revolutionary War veteran), they opened a tavern on Gingerbread Hill. Lucretia is credited with the creation of the "Joe Frogger" cookie, named for her husband and the location of the nearby frog pond. The story is that she created the cookie as tavern fare, but it became popular with sailors because it was shelf-stable (didn’t spoil easily).

Consider this....
How has Lucretia impacted Marblehead history? Did you know she's the creator of the Joe Frogger? What do you think life on a daily basis must have been like for her in the 18th and 19th century?
Fun Facts:

- John Orne Johnson was born on January 2, 1852, and died on November 3, 1928.
- He was best known for his paintings of scenes from Marblehead's history.
- He didn't start painting until he was 70 years old!
- Frost wanted to tell the history of Marblehead visually through his paintings.
- Ironically, his paintings now hang in famous museums.
- At one point, he was held captive, and also served in the 7 Years War.
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Name: William Starling Burgess
Born: December 25, 1878
Died: March 19, 1947
Address: Redstone Lane off Gregory Street, and Orne Street at Little Harbor, Marblehead
Occupation: Boat designer, aviation pioneer, businessman
Fun Facts:
William S. Burgess was the son of a yacht designer, so it seems fitting that also became a designer of boats and airplanes! The first airplane his company designed was called Flying Fish. In 1915, he was awarded aviation’s most prestigious award, the Collier trophy for the Burgess-Dunne plane. After World War I, he went back to designing yachts.
Consider this....
As an engineer, Burgess needed to understand math and science concepts, especially physics! Try creating a model airplane. What can you do to improve the height and distance of your design?

Character Cards

Name: Mary Alley
Born: 1824, specifics unknown
Died: July 2, 1904
Address: 19 High Street, Marblehead (taught at this location)
Occupation: Teacher, Philanthropist
Fun Facts:
Mary Alley taught at the original Gerry School. During the Civil War, she co-formed the Soldiers Aid Society, co-founded the Marblehead Visiting Nurses Association, and served on the board of the Female Humane Society. When she passed away, she left her house, land, and $5,000 to be used for the creation of an emergency hospital by the town.
Consider this....
What can you do to help the Marblehead community? Are there any causes that you can volunteer for? What will your legacy be?
Elbridge Gerry (pronounced "Gary") signed the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation. However, he refused to sign the Constitution. He was also a member of Congress and Vice-President under James Madison. While Governor of Massachusetts, he signed redistricting legislation that led to the creation of the “Gerry-mander” political cartoon, and thus his infamous legacy.

Fun Facts:

Character Cards

Name: Joseph Dixon
Occupation: Inventor
Address: Darling Street, Marblehead
Born: July 17, 1799
Died: June 15, 1869

Name: Elbridge Gerry
Occupation: Governor
Address: 44 Washington St., Marblehead
Born: November 23, 1744
Died: July 17, 1814

Would you like to run for public office? What would it be like to represent a group of people? How would you make your decisions?

Next time you go to write with a pencil, check the name of the company printed on it. You may be holding a piece of Marblehead history in your hand!

Joseph Dixon was interested in how things worked and looked ways to improve technology. He is most famous for making the first wood and graphite pencil in the United States! He introduced his new writing tool in 1829, but they weren't very popular until the Civil War when there was a need for a "dry" writing instrument. He introduced his new writing tool in the United States. He is most famous for making the first wood and graphite pencil in the United States. He worked and looked for ways to improve things.

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