



Famous Figures of Marblehead History

Topics: People, geography, economics, arts, industry, science

Supplies Needed:

- Thinking Paper (blank paper)
- Map/GPS
- Pen/Pencil
- Character cards

Overview:

The town of Marblehead has been the birthplace and home to many people who have impacted different periods of history, not only on a local level, but elsewhere in Massachusetts, and even the entire United States. Consider this, what is something you use in school to write your name? Did you know? A famous pencil company was founded by a person born in Marblehead!

What about that local favorite, Joe Frogger cookies? These cookies were created by a woman who, with her husband, owned a tavern in town. Now, when people visit Marblehead they ask about those cookies, it's part of our shared Marblehead history.

Today, we're going to learn about twelve people who are important for their local contribution to our community, and those who have impacted the entire country. You'll learn about these people, and if possible, drive or walk to see where they lived during their time in Marblehead. Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to complete activities related to some of the people you learn about.

Activity: Character Cards

Take the character cards and some "thinking" paper. Read through the cards and answer the "Consider this" questions, or draw an image to answer the questions. Then, if possible, with a parent or guardian, try to visit the addresses on the character cards so that you can visit the sites where these famous figures lived, worked, or are buried in Marblehead.

Optional Extended Learning Activity:

Read one these books to learn more:

- ★ *Dare the Wind: The Record-breaking Voyage of Eleanor Prentiss and the Flying Cloud* by Tracey Fern (author) and Emily Arnold McCully (illustrator)
- ★ *How to Be Good at Science, Technology, and Engineering* by DK
- ★ *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall
- ★ *Molly Waldo* by Priscilla L. Moulton, Beth Lee Moulton