



## Drama Activities in Social Studies

### **Readers Theater**

Students read from children's literature in the part of the characters. The book is the script; the students read the parts of the characters.

### **Dramatic Reading**

Student or teacher (or guest) in the role as storyteller.

### **Talk Shows**

Guest host has current day or historical figures appear as guests on the show. "Hosts" research guest bios & prepare questions.

### **Press Conferences**

Class "reporters" asks questions of public figures using press conference format. Student research issues & prepare questions.

### **Debates**

Choose relevant issues and provide plenty of background information

### **Mock Trials**

Role-play trial using all of the participants in a trial setting.

### **Sitcoms**

Modify current day sitcoms or create new ones to act out current or past events. The sitcom becomes a parody of history.

### **Role Play**

An important element used in a variety of dramatic techniques.

### **Student Prepared Videos / Movies**

Can be music videos, short films, etc. in appropriate genres to fit the topic.

### **Radio Programs**

Current or historic radio broadcasts involving guests, on the scene reports, interviews, radio, theater etc.

### **Plays**

Student created or existing scripts. Plays can cover any topic.

### **News Broadcasts**

Students rewrite current or past news stories or create news stories from the future. Newscasts can be live, on the scene, or videotaped.