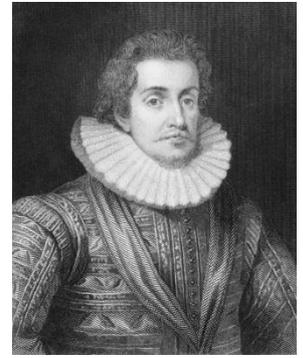


Cedars Park History



Palace Role Play

An activity to help the children imagine what it was like to live during the Elizabethan and Jacobean times.

National Curriculum Links

History Key Stage 2 – a local history study

- a study over time tracing how several aspects of national history are reflected in the locality (this can go beyond 1066)
- a study of an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Literacy Key Stage 2 – Spoken Language

- participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates

Equipment and resources

- Role play cards
- Cedars Park Education Pack map
- Costumes (optional)

Timing

30 - 45 minutes

Activity

Start at the Bas Reliefs of the 7 key people involved with Theobald's Palace, point 2 on the history trail.

In groups of 4, give each child a role play card. Start the role play by asking the children to read their card and then introduce themselves to the group.

Then read out one of the following scenarios and ask the groups to react in character to the scenario.

Scenario 1: Due to the demand for a more living space, part of Theobald's Palace is being extended into one of the gardens.

Scenario 2: The new fruit trees that have been planted in the Walled Garden are beginning to die.

Scenario 3: There is going to be a *royal hunt* or a *huge banquet* (choose which to use) at Theobald's Palace, there is a lot of preparation to be done with little time until the guests arrive.

Scenario 4: One of the canals in the Great Gardens has broken its banks and water is flooding into the formal gardens

Extension Activity/Follow Up

The children could use the role play as a basis for script writing or film making.

16th century role play cards

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