

Leading Ladies Creative Challenge: Guess The Leading Lady

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Activity Overview

Grade Level: High School (9th –12th)

Subjects: Social Studies, History

Estimated Time: 10-15 min

Materials Needed: Sticky notes or blank label sheets, notepads or pen and paper

Activity Format: Group

Summary: Students will read through The National Theatre's *Leading Ladies* website and use their knowledge of the women to play a game where they must guess which woman they have been assigned.

Activity Guide

- In order to prep for this activity educators will need to create one "name tag" to place on every student's back. The name tags should display one of the "Leading Ladies", either "Helen Hayes", "Jenny Lind", "Sarah Bernhardt", or "Pearl Bailey." The educator should aim to have an equal number of tags with each woman's name. The name tags could be created a number of different ways:
 - Using sticky notes: The educator pre-writes the "Leading Ladies" names on post-its or small sheets of paper and tapes the notes to each student's back.
 - Using blank label sheets: The educator writes the names of the "Leading Ladies" on the blank label sheets and then adheres individual labels to students' backs during class.
- Prior to beginning the game, ask students to take a few minutes to review the "Leading Ladies" website and take notes on each woman's key attributes and accomplishments.
- The educator should place the name of one of the "Leading Ladies" on each student's back. Instruct students to move about the space and ask each other questions as they try to guess which "Leading Lady" they have on their back. Tell students that they may only answer questions with "Yes", "No", "All the time", or "Never".
- Once students have guessed their "Leading Lady" correctly, they should remove their name tag, but may still help other students by giving hints.