

AMERICAN HISTORY SPEED DATING SPECTACULAR

1. Personas will be drawn from the Hat o' Mysteries
2. Complete the **Speed Dating Profile** about your person, and then bring it to class for your Speed Date. All forms will be due at the beginning of the speed dating session.
3. Create a **note card** for your own use during the speed dating rounds. Put what you might want to say during your speed date on this card

EXAMPLE

Thomas Jefferson

I came with my friend and frenemy John Adams. We are the old guys in the room. Being very shy by nature, I am already very nervous, having never done this before. Nothing risked is nothing gained though, so I also think this event could be very exciting !

I know that there has been a lot of talk before, during and after my lifetime about the democratic republic and what constitutes a free people. No matter what I have said or done about the issue of slavery as it reflects this ideal, I nevertheless believe that a people which is uneducated can never be a free people.

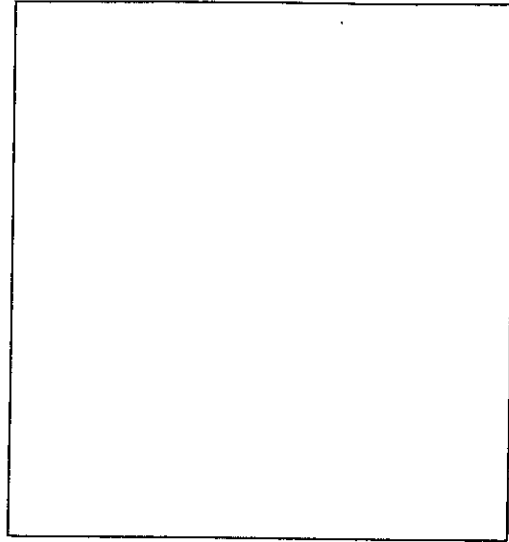
There is much in the current state of American life that I find distasteful, but not necessarily for the reasons many of my enemies may assume that I believe. I am seeking someone (anyone ? anyone ?) who is interested in pursuing all matters that bear on what it means to be a fully formed human being, both philosophical and practical, no matter where they might take us !

4. Make (or find) a **prop** that signifies your character.
5. You will have a series of dates with other historical figures from the 17th through the early 21st centuries. You may like them a little, a great deal, or not at all. Your goal is to find a "match" or "matches", people you can relate to, potential allies who have similar philosophical, political, or social interests or ideals.
6. Each "date" will last 3 minutes: a single minute for each person to reveal their identity and core qualities, plus a minute for writing notes. You both then move on to your next date !
7. Speed Date rules:
 - a. Be ready and be prepared. Know who you are, and expect to get the unexpected question.
 - b. Be in character the whole time.
 - c. Have your prop with you for the duration of the activity.
 - d. Ask probing questions, and give honest answers -- participate !
 - e. Make a genuine effort to get to know the other person -- assume you know less than you think you do.
 - f. Complete the notes chart with information gleaned from your dates.
 - g. Learn something, *and find your match*.
 - h. Have some fun !

Historical Persona : _____

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Insert a picture of me here:



My Name is: _____

[Know how to pronounce your name!]

(You can have the internet help you learn how)

My Birthday is: _____

I was born in: _____

I died (if applicable): _____

I ruled: _____

My rule lasted: _____

What politically, economically, and socially is going on in the world around me: _____

My political philosophy is: _____

My economic philosophy is: _____

My social philosophy is: _____

The most important/impactful changes I brought to my country are: _____

My most famous phrase, quote or statement that embodies what I believe is: _____

An interesting, strange, unusual or little known fact about me is: _____

Who do I most want to meet (of those present) through my speed-date: _____
