Creating Your Living History Avatar/Trailblazer: The Power of One

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Project Objective:

Selected 11th grade students in English Literature class will make history come ALIVE by learning techniques to create their Living History Trailblazer/Avatar (LHTA) in conjunction with this year's theme _______. Portraying and commemorating our ancestors (through project based learning experiences and activities) for the sacrifices they made is an honor and must be pursued and researched with authenticity. We intend to awaken the creative spirit within each one of us to find and speak the voice of our LHTA. We will endeavor to stir the hearts and help each student bring a historical character, and their time period to life.

Intended Outcome: To inspire and spark interest in making a difference.

Project Components:

	Teacher Instruction	Student Assignment
Week 1	Intro /live performance	Research and Select LHTA
Week 2	Chronos, Canon, Kairos	Research and Start Creative Arts Project
Week 3	Script Writing/performance	Creative Arts Project Due
Week 4	Script Writing/performance	Performance Arts Initial script due
Week 5	Costuming and Props/performance	Performance Arts Final script due
Week 6	Performance Arts Skills	Costuming and props due
Week 7	Performance Arts Skills	Practice, practice
Week 8	Peer and Instructor Assessment	Showcase and Red Carpet Awards Ceremony