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Grade 8 ChatGPT Activity - Rewrite History: What If...?

Objective: Use ChatGPT to explore how history might have changed if one major event or decision had turned out differently. You'll analyze causes, effects, and possible outcomes to understand how moments in history shape our world.



Step 1 Choose a Historical Event - Pick a well-known event, discovery, or turning point.

Examples: The invention of the printing press • The American Revolution
• The fall of the Roman Empire • The moon landing • The invention of the Internet

My Event: _____

Step 2 Ask ChatGPT to Explain the Real Event - Ask ChatGPT:

"Hi ChatGPT, can you explain what happened during [your event], and why it was important?"

Summarize ChatGPT's explanation below:

Step 3 Ask "What If It Happened Differently?" - Ask ChatGPT:

"What might have happened if [something about the event] had turned out differently?"

Example: "What if the American Revolution had failed?"

Write ChatGPT's response in your own words:

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Step 4 Dig Deeper: Explore the Consequences - Ask ChatGPT:

"How would this change have affected people's lives, governments, or technology afterward?"

List two or three effects ChatGPT described:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Step 5 Compare to Real History - Ask ChatGPT:

"What are the biggest differences between real history and this 'what if' version?"

List ChatGPT's key differences here:

Step 6 Ask for Another Perspective - Ask ChatGPT:

"How might different groups of people (for example, women, workers, or scientists) have been affected by this alternate version of history?"

Write ChatGPT's answer:

Step 7 Draw Your Own Conclusion - After reading ChatGPT's answers, decide what *you* think.

Do you think the world would be better or worse if this had happened differently? Why?
