

February 3, 2013: Beautiful Ballet



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Activities:

1. Make a poster with a picture of a ballerina. Paste newspaper words about dance around the ballerina.
2. Choose a female comic strip character you think could be a graceful dancer. Choose a male character as well. Explain your choices.
3. In your newspaper, find places where you could take ballet lessons and buy ballet shoes and costumes.
4. How were these people important to ballet: (a) Martha Graham, (b) Louis XIV, (c) George Balanchine and (d) Peter Tchaikovsky?
5. Select a news event that would make a good story ballet. Include strong female and male dancers in your story.

Mini Page activities meet many state and national educational standards. Each week we identify standards that relate to The Mini Page content and offer activities that will help your students reach them. This week's standard:

- *Students understand dance as a way to create and communicate meaning. (Fine Arts, Dancing)*

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