A Room With a View

Grade Levels: 4-6

Creativity Lesson

Objective: Upon completion of unit of study on the Life of Ben Franklin and his city Philadelphia, students will use their prior knowledge to imagine themselves in a room in a building (famous landmark or not) looking out at the world outside. Students will write an essay, perform a skit, draw themselves and their surroundings, or other appropriate product to convey to the audience how they see themselves in this scene and their view of the world around them from the room.

Materials: posters of famous landmarks in US and around the world, internet access to research these landmarks, books, teachingfranklin.org.

Procedure:
1. Expose students to scenes of buildings at home or abroad.
   - Tie in Franklin and his city of Philadelphia with important events in his life.
2. Use Franklin’s time abroad and the landmarks that influenced him and his work.

Evaluation: A rubric will be used to assess the students understanding of the material covered, completed on time, organization, creative expression, and presentation skills.

Time frame: 2-5 class periods