

WebQuest

Lew Wallace Life Quilt

Introduction

You will have the opportunity to explore Lew Wallace's life, to learn about his childhood and remarkable accomplishments as an adult. After you gather information, you will work with others to create a paper quilt to tell the story (in pictures) of events and accomplishments in Lew Wallace's life.

Process

Step 1

You will need a journal or other notebook to take notes as you go to each Web site.

Step 2

Visit each of the Web sites listed below. Click all of the links on each site to learn details about Lew Wallace's life.

Web Sites:

- [The Life of Lew Wallace](#)
- [Lew Wallace](#)
- [The Poetry of Lew Wallace](#)
- [Ben Hur Museum](#) (After entering the museum, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click the links: [Ben-Hur](#), [The Statesman](#), [The Soldier](#), [Facts](#), [Gallery](#), and [Virtual Tour](#).)

Step 3

After you visit each site, take some time to add other events in Wallace's life about which you learned when reading the book. Write those events in your notes so that you can illustrate them in the class quilt.

Step 4

After you have completed your research, select two events or accomplishments from your notes and illustrate them on the piece of paper given to you by your teacher. Your illustrations will be added to your classmates' illustrations to form one large Lew Wallace Life Quilt!

Conclusion: Things to Think About

Once the quilt is assembled, step back and take a look at it. Are there any quilt pieces that should be moved to better tell Lew Wallace's life story? Does the quilt "read" like a story in pictures? If you were to illustrate your own Life Quilt, what would each of the pieces be about?

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