
VOTING AND THE MAX HALL OF FAME

Curriculum Resource for Fourth Grade Social Studies: Mississippi Studies and Regions

STANDARD(S) ADDRESSED: (MCCRS STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES 2022)

MCCRS: 4.MS.9

Explain how literature, the arts, architecture, and music distinguish Mississippi from other places.

Objective 1: Identify Mississippians known for their artwork, music, architecture, and literature (e.g., Wyatt Waters, William Herd, Walter Anderson, B. B. King, Elvis Presley, Marty Stuart, Eudora Welty, Willie Morris, etc.).

Objective 2: Describe how literature, the arts, architecture, and music affect tourism within the state.

MCCRS: 4.MS.10

Describe the impact of significant historical figures and events in Mississippi's past and present.

Objective 1: Cite symbols and explain historical figures that are used in Mississippi's culture (e.g., monuments, place names, etc.).

Objective 2: Examine events that are significant to Mississippi culture.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

TSW research important cultural figures in Mississippi and participate in the voting process to determine the next class of Hall of Famers at The MAX museum.

Student's I CAN statement: "I can research important cultural figures in Mississippi, use that information to choose the members I think deserve to be in The MAX's Hall of Fame, and participate in democracy by casting my vote."

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- Computers or tablets with internet access

PROCEDURE:

1. Lesson Introduction:

- a. TTW ask students to explain what a Hall of Fame is in their own words.
- b. TTW talk them through different kinds of Hall of Fames and show them some of their websites. (Examples could include: [Rock & Roll Hall of Fame](#), [Pro Football Hall of Fame](#), [Country Music Hall of Fame](#), [National Baseball Hall of Fame](#), [Hollywood Walk of Fame](#), [Mascot Hall of Fame](#), [National Soccer Hall of Fame](#), [NASCAR Hall of Fame](#), [Bass Fishing Hall of Fame](#), [Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame](#), etc.)
- c. TTW ask the students what Hall of Fame they would like to be in as an honoree.

2. Guided Lesson:

THE MAX AND ITS HALL OF FAME

- a. TTW show the students The Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience's main website: <https://www.msarts.org/>.
- b. TTW play the short 30-second introduction video located on the main page.
- c. TTW go to the Hall of Fame page and discuss the information listed there: <https://www.msarts.org/visit/whats-inside/hall-of-fame/>.
- d. TTW show students the current Hall of Fame Honorees and use this opportunity to discuss some of the ones they recognize: <https://www.msarts.org/visit/whats-inside/hall-of-fame/hall-of-fame-honorees/> (Honorees include: Walter Inglis Anderson, William Faulkner, Morgan Freeman, John Grisham, Jim Henson, Robert Jonson, James Earl Jones, B.B. King, George Ohr, Elvis Presley, Leontyne Price, Jimmie Rodgers, Sela Ward, Muddy Waters, Eudora Welty, Tennessee Williams, Oprah Winfrey, Richard Wright, Jimmy Buffett, William Eggleston, Willie Morris, Charley Pride, Howlin' Wolf, Tammy Wynette, Bo Diddley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Margaret Walker, John Lee Hooker, Sam Cooke, W. C. Handy, Marty Stuart, Alice Walker, and Ida B. Wells)

3. Independent Practice:

- a. TSW use the Mississippi map handout (attached) to plot the locations of the Hall of Famers' associated towns.
- b. TSW categorize each of the Hall of Famers' using the Arts Categories handout (attached).

4. Partnered Practice:

HALL OF FAME NOMINEES 2023

- a. TTW review the Hall of Fame Nominees as listed on the MAX website.

- b. TTW ask students if they recognize anyone listed.
- c. TTW break students into groups and assign equal numbers of nominees to each group.
- d. TSW use computers or tablets to research basic information about each nominee in their small groups, and then present that research to the class.

VOTING

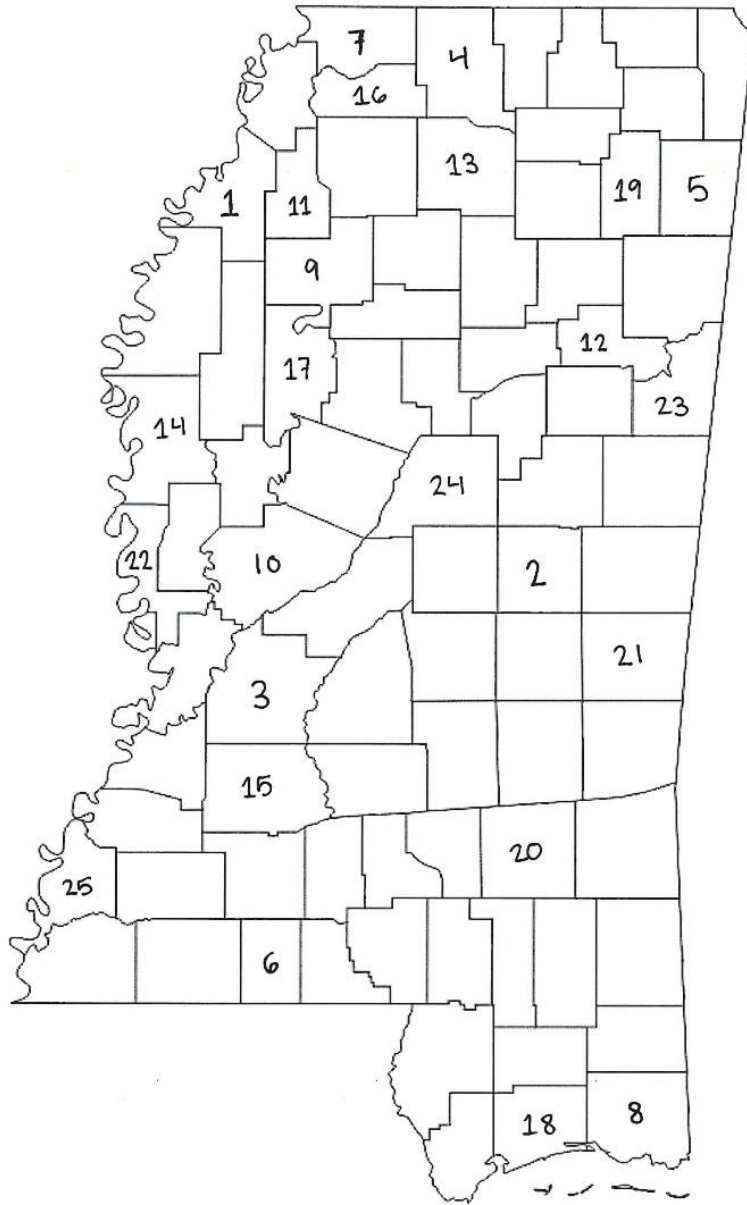
- a. TTW play the short video (3:25) [“YOU CHOOSE | Presley Talks About Voting | PBS KIDS”](#).
- b. TTW lead a discussion about why voting is important, specifically the importance of researching before you vote.
- c. TSW cast their votes on the MAX website for the nominees they think deserve to be in the next Hall of Fame class.

5. Closing the Lesson:

- a. TSW decorate the MAX Walk of Fame Star handout (attached) to indicate their creative strengths.

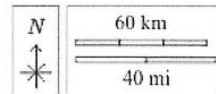
ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY:

- **museum** – a building or place where works of art, scientific specimens, or other objects of permanent value are kept and displayed
- **exhibits** – public displays of art or items of interest at a museum
- **Hall of Fame** – an institution honoring the achievements of individuals in a particular activity or field; the class or category of those who have excelled in a particular activity or field
- **culture** – the customs, arts, social institutions, and achievements of a particular nation, people, or other social group
- **vote** (noun) - a formal indication of a choice between two or more candidates, expressed typically through a ballot or a show of hands or by voice
- **honoree** – a person who receives an honor, award, or special recognition

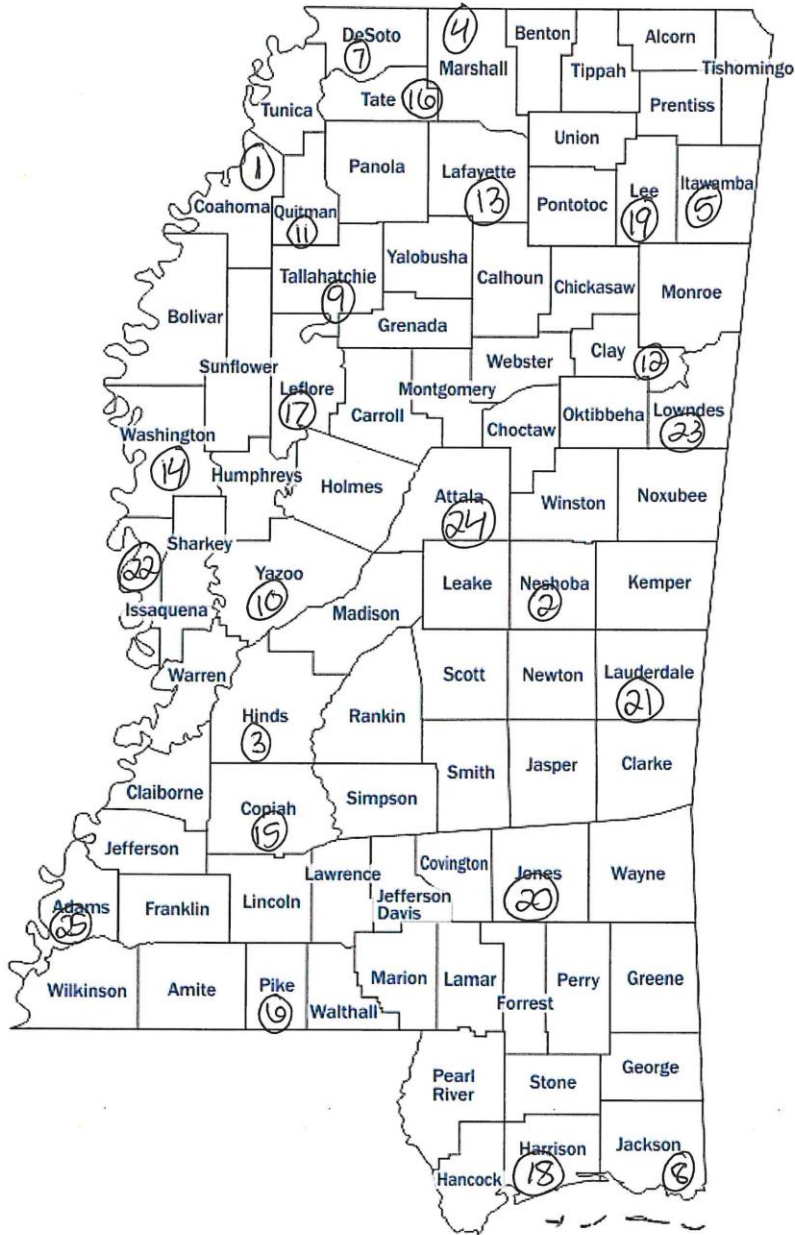


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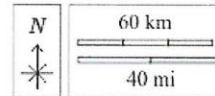


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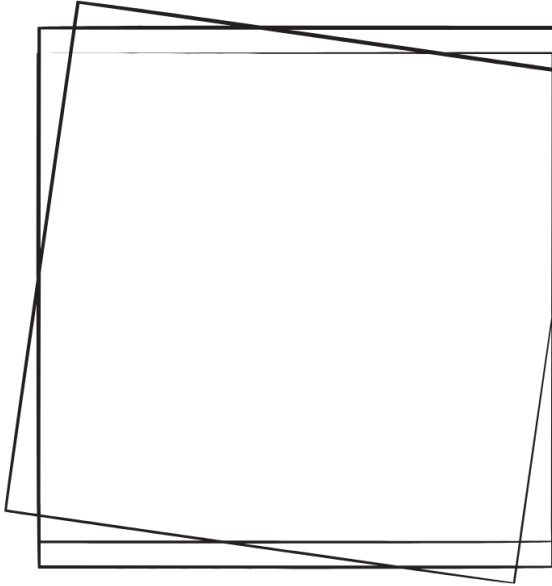
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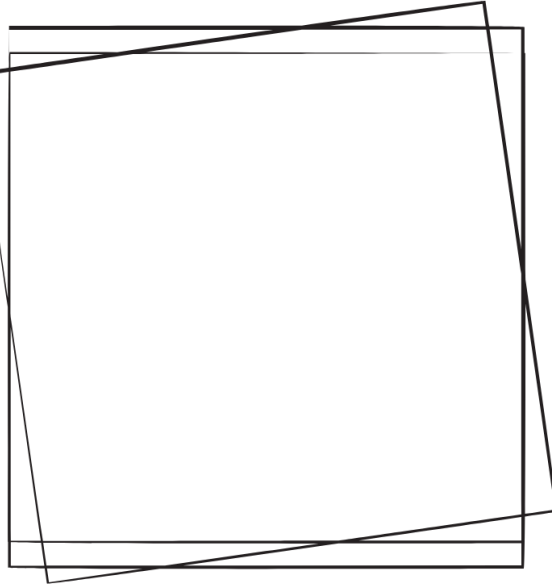
1. Sam Cooke, W. C. Handy, John Lee Hooker – Clarksdale
2. Marty Stuart – Philadelphia
3. Alice Walker, Margaret Walker, Eudora Welty – Jackson
4. Ida B. Wells – Holly Springs
5. Tammy Wynette – Tremont
6. Bo Diddley – McComb
7. Jerry Lee Lewis – Nesbit
8. Jimmy Buffett, Walter Inglis Anderson – Pascagoula, Ocean Springs
9. William Eggleston, Morgan Freeman – Sumner
10. Willie Morris – Yazoo City
11. Charley Pride – Sledge
12. Howlin' Wolf – White Station
13. William Faulkner, John Grisham – Oxford
14. Jim Henson – Leland
15. Robert Johnson – Hazlehurst
16. James Earl Jones – Arkabutla
17. B. B. King – Itta Bena
18. George Ohr – Biloxi
19. Elvis Presley – Tupelo
20. Leontyne Price – Laurel
21. Jimmie Rodgers, Sela Ward – Meridian
22. Muddy Waters – Issaquena County
23. Tennessee Williams – Columbus
24. Oprah Winfrey – Kosciusko
25. Richard Wright – Natchez

Arts Categories

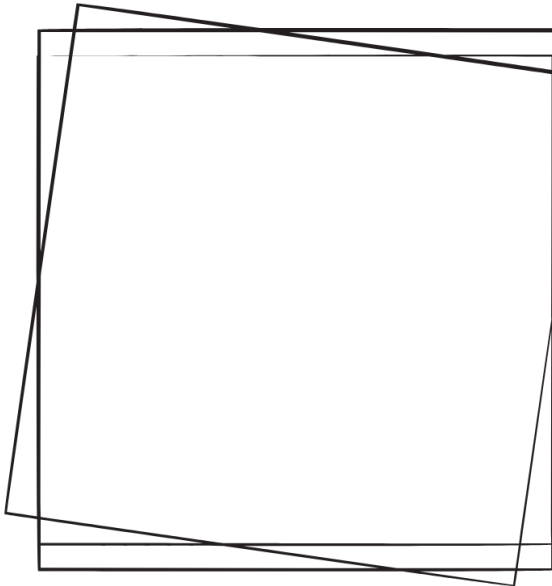
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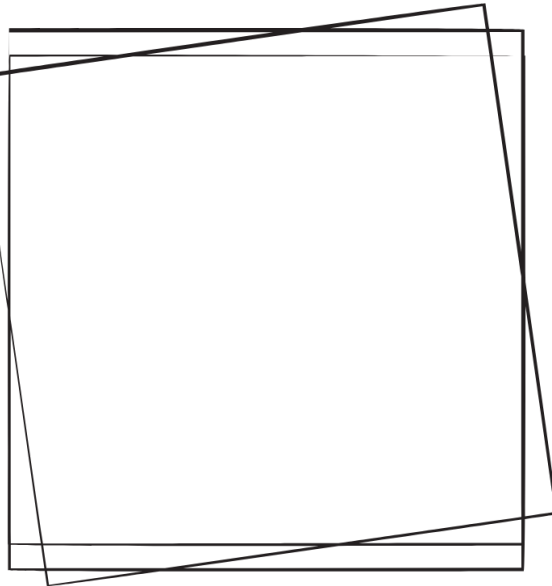
MUSIC



PERFORMANCE ARTS



VISUAL ARTS



Arts Categories Key

WRITING

Tennessee Williams
Richard Wright
Eudora Welty
John Grisham
William Faulkner
Willie Morris
Margaret Walker
Ida B. Wells
Alice Walker

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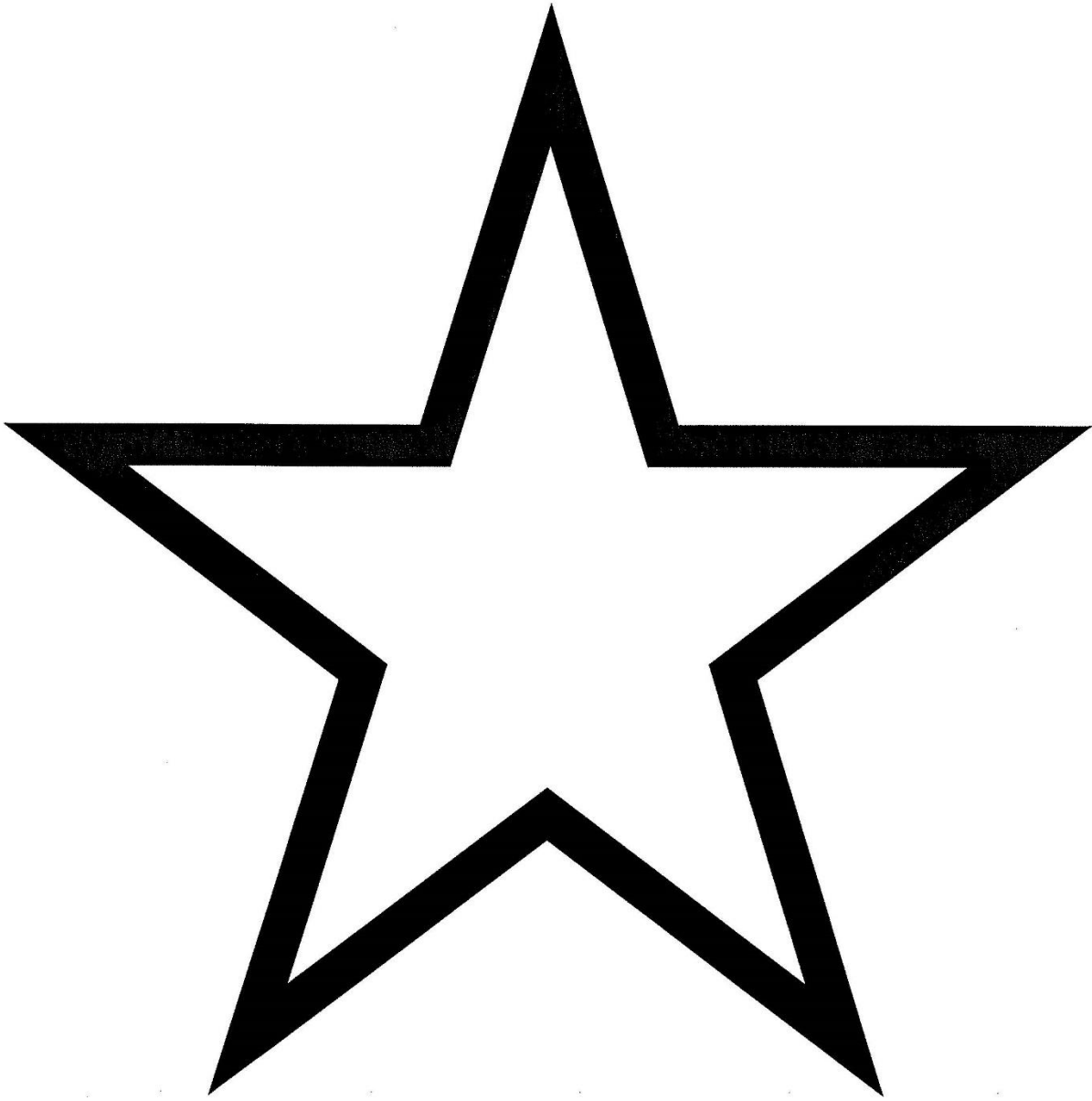
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What would your MAX Walk of Fame star be for?
Design your star and describe your talent!