



## Playing the Past



## Badge Overview

Dream up a character: a girl or woman who lived in another time period. Maybe a poodle-skirt-wearing Girl Scout of the 1950s, a Wild West cowgirl, a medieval duchess, or a Japanese princess from long ago? You can be someone who really existed or a historical woman from your imagination. Give yourself a new name and get ready to live history!

## Badge Components

### 1. Decide who you are

First, you will need to decide who you want your character to be! You may have to do some research, so be sure to get your parent's permission before going online.

- What time period is she from? What was going on in the world then?
- Where is she from and has she always lived there? Has she moved or traveled?
- What did women/girls do back then in that place? Were there any traditions or rules they had to follow?

Once you decide on your character, earn this step by writing 3 different diary entries from the perspective of your character about her life and the world she lives in.

### 2. Create a costume

What is your character's look and style? Think about the clothes and accessories, as well as the hair and makeup style, that were typical of the time and place your character lived in.

- Earn this step by drawing out an entire look for your character.
- BONUS!** Put together the look for you to wear as a costume with items you have, ones you buy (thrift shops are a great place to start), or by making them yourself.

### 3. Experience daily life

It's time to experience life as your character yourself! Earn this step by doing an activity or making a recipe from the time period/location your character lives in.

- Just a few examples of what you can do are to churn butter in a jar, make a corn-husk doll, do laundry by hand and hang it on a clothesline to dry, or embroider/cross-stitch. The possibilities are endless!

### 4. Have some old-fashioned fun

Art and culture have changed throughout time as techniques and resources evolved, and as society's taste changed. Earn this step by selecting a type of art from the time period/location your character lives and trying it out yourself!

- Some examples of what you can do are sculpt, paint, draw, dance, make/play an instrument, sing, etc. Don't copy a piece, but rather use it as inspiration to make your own in that style!

### 5. Become your character

Now that you have explored your character's life, personality, fashion, activities, and art- it's time to get into character and share with others!

- Earn this step by inviting your family and/or friends to learn about your character and their world by sharing all that you did and learned in the previous 4 steps. Try to present it as if you were the character herself telling the story of your life!

## Materials

- Something to draw/write with
- Something to draw/write on
- Access to Internet
- Supplies for your chosen step 3 and 4 activities

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