



Historical Action Figures

History in Action Toys

Just For Fun Rating (0-5): Age Range: 4+ years

Diversity Themes: Race/Ethnicity; Gender

Potential Questions/Comments:

1. Have you ever heard of any of these historical figures? If not, why do you think you haven't learned about them?
2. Are there other female or Black historical figures that you've learned about at school? What about other historical figures who are minorities?
3. Ask about the accomplishments of these action figures as related to your child's interests. For example, if your child is interested in flying, ask about Bessie Coleman's accomplishments and what your child wants to do.
4. Find additional historical figures who have done similar work. Compare & contrast based on accomplishments as well as race, ethnicity, gender, etc.
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Continuing the Conversation

Go on an internet (or museum or library) scavenger hunt with your child. Look up as many historical figures as you can that we don't learn about in school. Have your child write a letter (or write one yourself) to his or her school board about the importance of learning about additional historical figures. Watch documentaries on historical figures and discuss who might be missing and who is included that you wouldn't have expected. Gather information about historical figures important to your city, town, and/or state. How many of these people are women, racial minorities, LGBTQ, non-Christian, etc?

