

# ***HOUDINI'S LEGEND AND LEGACY***

## Wisconsin State Curriculum Alignment:

English Language Arts C.8.1 – Orally communicate information, opinions, and ideas effectively to different audiences for a variety of purposes.

- Prepare and conduct interviews.

Since Houdini's death in 1926, people have continued to look at Houdini as the world's most famous escape artist. During his life, Houdini worked tirelessly to become famous and to make sure that he would long be remembered for everything he did. He wanted "Houdini" to be a household name, and it still is.

Interview five people of different ages (other kids in your school, your parents, older or younger siblings, grandparents, etc.) and ask them the following questions.

- 1) Can you name a famous magician?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) When I say the name Houdini, what words come to your mind?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Can you tell me when Harry Houdini lived? [Note: you might find that Houdini became so famous, some people might think he is still alive, even though he died almost 80 years ago.]
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Can you name anyone today who you think will become a legend like Houdini did? What will make this person famous even years after his or her death?

Bring your interviewees' answers back to the class to share.