

Research Activity 1: **Mystifying Magic**



“Charlotte introduced the next trick. She gave some background history on Harry Houdini, the escape artist. Then she told the audience that it was rumored that Avery Madden was a long-lost relative of Harry Houdini. And now, to demonstrate, Avery was going to do one of the escapes that Houdini had made famous.”
~*Out of Bounds* p. 238

In your group, go to the library and do a little magic research. Either put together a presentation about a famous historian, or make a mini magic show of your own, in which each person gets a chance to perform an illusion. Be sure to remember the Magician’s Code: a Magician never reveals his tricks!

What is the most amazing magic trick you’ve ever seen performed? What techniques do you think might have been used?

Name some famous magicians and what tricks they were best known for.
