

Sample Proposal

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The Wellspring Project
8th Grade English

Topic: Mr. Wendel's "Tin Room"

In the basement of the house at 5288 Main Street, there is a room built entirely out of tin. People in town call it the "Tin Room." The first man who lived there, Mr. Wendel, was a tinsmith, and he built the room himself. Mr. Wendel has died and now Mrs. Mary Briske lives in that house. She is friends with my grandfather, and she knows the history of the room.

Form: Historical article

Timeline:

- Week One: I will call Mrs. Briske and interview her.
- Week Two: Begin writing article, and make a list of questions to ask Mrs. Briske.
- Week Three: Interview Mrs. Briske again and revise article.
- Week Four: Meet in peer conferences and teacher conference. Finish the article and turn it in.

Procedures:

1. Call Mrs. Briske to arrange interview.
2. Interview Mrs. Briske. Ask her if there is anyone else I could interview to find out more information about the Tin Room.
3. Conduct other interviews based on her suggestions.
4. Use school's digital camera and ask Mrs. Briske if I may take a picture of the Tin Room to include in *The Wellspring*.
5. Write first draft.
6. Make a list of new questions and interview Mrs. Briske again.
7. Revise draft.
8. Peer conferences
9. Teacher conference
10. Revise draft.
11. Edit draft.
12. Type article.
13. Turn it in.

