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Meeting House:
REVOLUTIONARY
IDEAS



John Wesley
The Museum of Methodism
& John Wesley's House



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Changing the World

Wesley's Words of Change



- John Wesley (1703-1791) is most well known for being one of the main founders of the Methodist Church.
- John Wesley's House was built for him in 1779 on the site of Wesley's Chapel and he lived there until he died in 1791.
- The Chapel is still used today and has an active congregation.
- The site also has a Museum which is underneath the Chapel.
- Regular family activities
- Outreach and school visits aimed at KS2

Wesley's Words of Change

- 20 minute video
- 2 worksheets
- Teachers' Information Sheet
- Transcript of video

- Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- Plan their writing by:
 - identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own
 - noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary
- Draft and write by:
 - selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
- Evaluate and edit by:
 - proposing changes to vocabulary to enhance effects and clarify meaning
- Perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear



How did John Wesley try to help?

This is a pulpit.

They are used in churches and it is where the minister stands to talk to the people in the church.

This one is in our Museum now as it is over 250 years old. John Wesley used it to speak to people about some of the ways he wanted to help others, like those who might be ill or very poor.

Sometimes he spoke to people outside, without a pulpit. This meant he could speak to thousands of people at the same time.

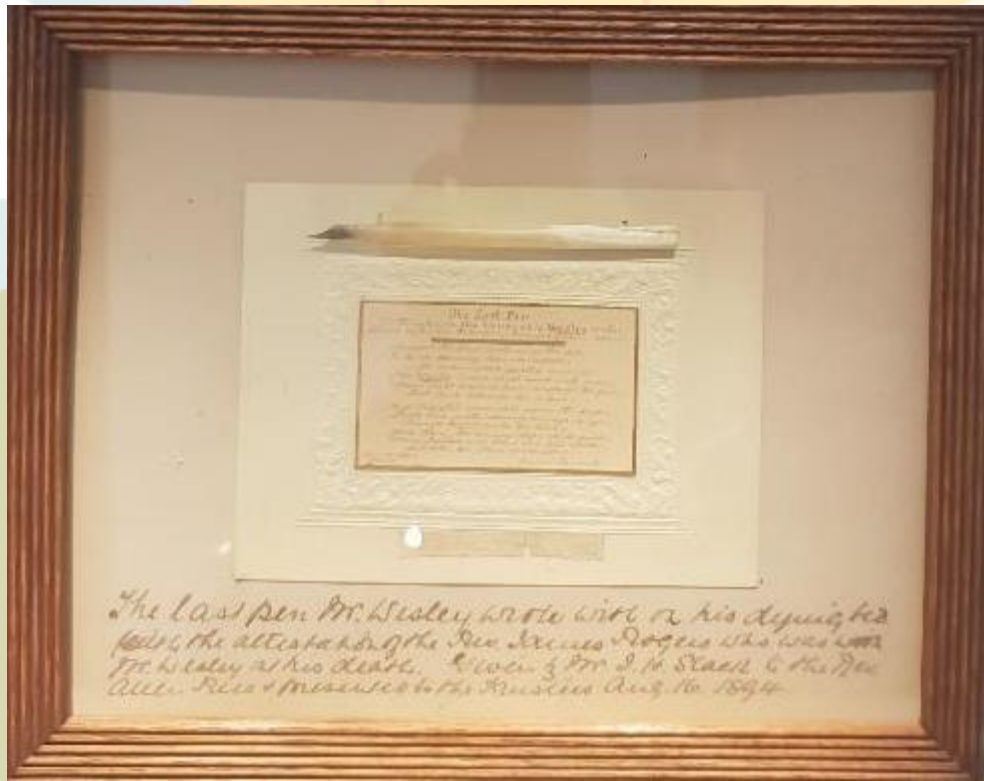
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This is a quill.

Do you know what a quill is used for?

John Wesley used this quill to write one of his last letters about abolishing the transatlantic slave trade.

John Wesley was an **Abolitionist**. This meant he tried to get people in power to stop the transatlantic slave trade.



The last pen Mr. Wesley wrote with, on his dying bed, for the attestation of the Rev. James Rogers who was with Mr. Wesley at his death. Given by Mr. J. M. Storr, to the Rev. Allen Rice & presented to the Trustees Aug. 16. 1844.

Activity Two: Create a short speech about something important to you

Write a short speech

Use what you have learnt to write a short speech about something that is important to you. It doesn't have to be very long, you can start with a few lines.

On a piece of paper (or using the template on the next page) start by writing a few sentences under the following titles:

Introduction

- "Hi my name is... and what am I talking about?"

Why are you talking about it?

- First some facts or about climate change and the negative things that are happening, or why other things are harmful. If you have a favourite hobby, like reading, you could write about this and why it's good for people!

How can people help?

- Let people know how they can help, or what they could do to get more out of something, like more time in nature! For example, it would be good for everyone to completely stop using plastic, but could they do something like get a reusable water bottle, or a cloth napkin? Again, if you are trying to get people to read more, you could suggest they can go to the library to read.

Conclusion

- Finish by summarising what you have said in your speech and thank people for listening.

Check you have done your notes, try writing it up in longer sentences, then ask someone to listen to your speech.

Some other things to remember:

- John Wesley wanted to appeal to lots of people, you could do this by speaking about something we can all help with, like recycling, or reading more.
- Do you know any stories that teach us your message? If you have a personal story that you can share that can help.
- Use creative language - people need to know this means something to you! Go back to activity 1 and think about the best language to use!

In the main sections there is following:

Appeal to people's good nature, or to do the right thing

"I have written this, but what you will do it all on your own!"

Things to remember people that having a good person is better than any other thing would get. Talking to people to do the right thing usually:

- ...

There is appeal to lots of people, not just one group

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Even though John Wesley was a Christian, he wanted to appeal to everyone, whether they were a Christian or not. He didn't see any of his religion in the Bible or his program as the Bible's main purpose being that because they weren't Christian things didn't apply to them.

Ask people to think about what they do

Do you know enough that a lot of it is?

Remember being inspired to do more things makes someone want to do more, so when you talk to people to do it, it's not just about the things that you can do, but also about the things that you can't do.

Get them to think about what they do

Get them to think about what they do, or what you can do about something that's important to you. Get them to think about what they can do, but also about the things that you can't do.

Climate change **Exercise** **Anti-bullying**

Reading **Equal rights for all**

- How John Wesley tried to persuade people
- Combine activities to write a short speech about a cause that is important to them

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