



"History is merely a list of surprises. It can only prepare us to be surprised yet again." - Kurt Vonnegut

COVID 19 UPDATE

We at California Weekly Explorer understand that the continued closures of schools are an exceedingly difficult and trying times for our families and for those of you who give tirelessly to provide a valuable learning experience to children. We have greatly missed being able to provide the Walk Through experience for you and your students. Though we all long to have this in the past and be together once again, we continue to hope for the safety and wellness of each of you - our teachers, students, and families.

As we look with hope toward the future, we wanted to lay out our plans for how we will be conducting in-person Walk Through presentations moving forward. As always, the safety of students, school staff, and our presenters will be of utmost importance. Since the Walk Throughs consist of only one presenter conducting the presentation for one group of students we are able to remain compliant with the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines for social distancing and for the prevention of the spread of coronavirus. The good news stated by WHO and CDC is that the likelihood of children catching or spreading the disease is extremely low. Though this is the case, we have implemented important changes and modifications to our presentations to ensure the safety of everyone, children, and adults alike, during an in-person live experience. The steps California Weekly Explorer is taking are outlined in the link below.

All Presentations

We are reminding our employees about frequent hand washing and are providing sanitizing cleaners for the regular cleaning and disinfecting of all presentation equipment. Most importantly, we are asking our presenters to stay home from work if they feel sick. This could mean a last minute cancellation of a presentation. If so, we will do our best to re-schedule within a decent timeframe.

- The room utilized must always be large enough to provide a distance of 6 feet between the presenter and students. We will consider allowing the presentation to take place outdoors should certain requirements be met (proper overhead covering, access to electrical outlet etc.)
- Presenters will arrive to campus wearing a mask and will continue wearing a mask in accordance with the school policy.
- It has been a long time policy of CWE that presenters are not in a room with students without a school representative in attendance. This will be strongly implemented. Presenters will arrive up to 60 minutes prior to the first presentation to set up equipment.
- We ask that there be no other groups in the same room throughout the time our presenter is in attendance, including during set-up and break-down of equipment.
- The chairs for the students will be set-up facing in one direction in our standard U-shape format. Depending on school policy students may need to be seated 6 feet apart from each other.
- Should audience members be invited, we always ask that face masks be required and a social distance from presenter of 6 feet maintained.
- Upon arrival of students to the presentation, we ask that the teacher meet with the presenter using social distancing guidelines of 6 feet to discuss any needs for the day.
- The presenter will greet the students from a distance of 6 feet or more.
- We ask that the teacher bring the students in to the presentation room one team at a time, rather than the presenter. The presenter will remain directly in front of the Walk Through display.
- The display will be set up at least 6 feet or more from the start of the student chairs.
- The presenter will continue to use a headset or handheld microphone for amplified voice. The presenter will provide a microphone for student use should the school policy allow and provide anti-bac for students to use before and after use. Otherwise, a microphone for students will not be utilized.
- Team cheers will be modified to prevent yelling.

- All student speaking parts will take place 6 feet or more away from presenter and other students.
- Students will only be called up one at a time to present their assigned card. Presenter will not be calling 2 or 3 students up at the same time.
- Sentence juice will not be utilized
- We plan to maintain the Going for the Gold portion of the presentation and will use sanitizing methods when placing the lollipops to ensure they are clean. Students will still be able to come up to grab a lollipop if called but the presenter will remain 6 feet away as student comes up. Should a school not be comfortable with this, they will need to let us know prior to the presentation and we will institute a points reward system as a replacement.
- Certificates will be handed to the teacher directly by the presenter unless otherwise asked not to. Certificates may also be dropped off in the front office or a digital copy can be provided should that be preferred.

Walk Through California modifications

- Flags will still be shown by the presenter, but students will not be allowed to come up to hold them
- We will still be using students to play different historical characters (Chumash Indian, Cabrillo, Father Serra) but we will not provide costume pieces or props and we will ask the teachers to pick the student out from the audience during the presentation rather than the presenter in order to maintain the 6 feet of distance.
- We will no longer be providing the Russian love story as a part of Walk Through California as we will be unable to keep the social distancing required for this story
- The Mexican Fiesta will be adjusted to not include musical instruments but maintain the dancing portion of students
- The Hoe Down during the Gold Rush story will be eliminated
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- During the map section presenters will be showing each map piece and the associated clues but will be placing the pieces and clues down themselves.

Walk Through Revolution modifications

- Flags will still be shown by the presenter, but students will not be allowed to come up to hold them
- Presenter will no longer be providing a toy sword, toy muskets, or stick pony. It will be up to each school to determine if they would like to provide a version of these items in a safe manner. If these specific props are not provided, students will be able to mime the use of the items and no points will be deducted.
- We will not be playing the colony scramble game even if there is enough time to do so (this game is currently only played when time allows)
- We are providing an option for the battle scenes to be narrated without re-enactment but will allow for the re-enactment if a school should choose. The presenter will remain 6 feet apart and the narrator of the battle scene will not be able to utilize a microphone provided by the Walk Through presentation.
- Students will be able to depict the reading of the Declaration of Independence but will take place without a microphone and either in front of the display with a distance of 6 feet between students and presenter or directly from student chairs.
- Game sheets will be completed from chairs and not in groups. Presenter will not be able to provide extra pencils. Please bring some with you.
- Should time allow, we will still play a lightning round at the end of the presentation, but with students and presenter 6 feet apart.

Walk Through Ancient World modifications

- We will not be asking students to come up to present Daily Life presentations. If a class would like these included, they will need to request to have them and presenter will keep 6 feet of distance.
- We will not be playing the optional Building Lego game.

- We will only be playing the Mummy Wrap competition should it be requested.
- Game sheets will be completed from chairs and not in groups. Presenter will not be able to provide extra pencils. Please bring some with you.
- Should time allow, we will still play a lightning round at the end of the presentation, but with students and presenter 6 feet apart.