



History, Literacy, ICT

# 'The Chattertons' - Chatty History

Use facial animation to create talking history heads. Transform images into actors.

A number of sessions are available please ring for dates

The **Chatty History** workshop comprises:

**Research** – time to find out about your chosen historical person

**Chat** – compose a short script, in the first person, about the character

**Crazy Talk** – wireframe face fitting to create facial animation; add emotions, use text-to-speech and record own voice-overs to create talking heads; create a dialogue between two people, add background music

**Resources** – Exported talking head media clips and eye popping stereoscopic videos



The 'Chatty History' workshop combines oral literacy with facial animation to create talking heads from history.

Choose your own historical period and characters, research and prepare short scripts and use Crazy Talk to bring them to life!

Use the internet, books and own work to research a historical character and write an informative script about their life and times.

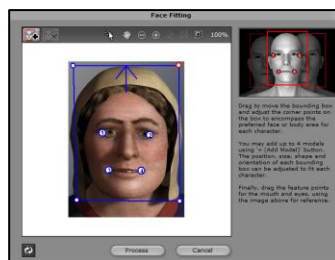
### Crazy Talk

Crazy Talk creates talking, animated characters. The unique face-fitting procedure identifies the corners of the eyes and mouth and positions a wireframe for fine-tuning the fitting points.



Add facial expressions and emotions and record your own voice or use text-to-speech to create a talking character using the lip-synch feature. Add background music from our library to create an historical mood.

## 'Make any image talk!'



Children will create their own talking historical characters and may move on to work in pairs to produce dialogues or have a reporter interviewing their character.



Animations are exported as media files and as 3D stereographic videos



(3D Anaglyph glasses can be supplied at 50p/pair)

This workshop has been designed to support literacy and the history curriculum. Each school chooses their own historical period and will use specially prepared character sets during their visit. Prior to attending a workshop you will need to inform the learning lighthouse of your chosen history period.

This free half day workshop is suitable for Key Stage 2 students.



This is first workshop in the series 'The Chattertons'. If you would like to focus on a different curriculum area then please let us know.

To book your class on a free workshop please contact:

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