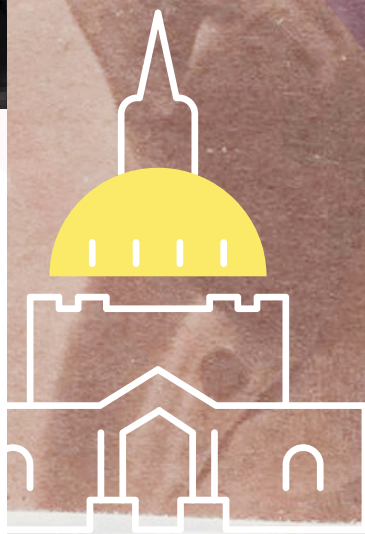
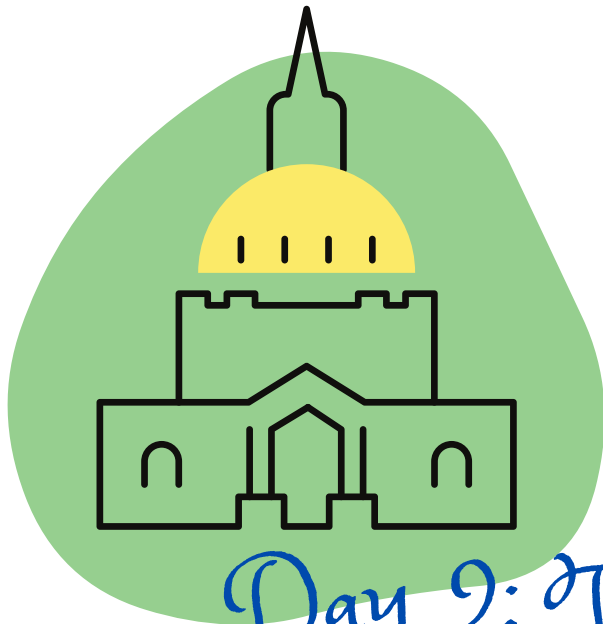




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Marie and Pierre Curie Interactive Story Ideas!



### Background scene:

Play this video in the background on a big screen, smart board or laptop with the sound on low. Warm & Cozy Dark Academia Ambience  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAgPaHqJCpk>)



### Storytelling Role-Play: 5 sand dollars each

(2 Students to help cut out props and 6 students to role play)

Choose 2 girl and 2 boy volunteers to portray Maria, Bronya, the teacher and Pierre.

Let students listen for their part and act out what is happening in the story.



### New word: 1-5 sand dollars

**Pact:** A pact is a promise. Asking someone to make a pact with you means you would like them to keep this promise.

\*Remind the students that they can earn a sand dollar if they tell you at the end of the story what the new word means. If they get it wrong remind them of the definition and have them try again in a few minutes.

## Day 2: Marie and Pierre Curie

It is 1883, and Maria has graduated at the top of her class from high school. She isn't allowed to go to university in Poland though, because she is a woman!

So, Maria and her sister Bronya join a secret university. They study in hiding moving from house to house so they won't get caught. Bronya wants to be a doctor, and Maria wants to study science to help people.

"Rat-tat-tattat-tat, tat, tat," they use a secret knock on a secret door to enter. (Door prompt, tape up the door image on the classroom door and knock).

"Let's make a promise," says Maria, clasping Bronya's hand.

"You can leave Poland and go to school in Paris, France, and I'll stay back to work and send you money," she says.

"And as soon as I'm done with my education, we can switch!" says Bronya excitedly.

"I'll see you soon," says Maria with a tight hug.



**Questions/Reading discussion: 1-5 sand dollars**  
(Students can earn a sand dollar for discussion participation)

**Ask:** Why can't Maria go to university?

**Example:** In those days, women or girls weren't allowed to go to university in Poland.

**Ask:** What pact did the two sisters make?

**Example:** Marie would work in Poland and send money to Bronya so she could study in Paris, and Bronya would then call Marie as soon as she was done.

## Day 2: Marie and Pierre Curie

Maria begins taking care of the children in a wealthy agricultural family and making friends with the horses in the stables. (Brush prompt, pretend to gently brush a horse). Secretly, she teaches the young village children in the evenings and studies at night. Pierre, meanwhile, has become a Bachelor of Science and works in a lab. (Lab equipment prompt, conduct experiments!)

After many years, Bronya comes back and takes Maria to Paris. Maria changes her name to Marie. She is so happy she is a university student now! She doesn't have a lot of money so sometimes she gets hungry. When it's cold, Marie piles on and snuggles under ALL her clothes to stay warm. (Clothing and bed prompt, pile the clothes high and shiver). Still, she is delighted and enjoys every moment of going to school.

Marie graduates at the top of her classes, earning two degrees in Math and Science. (Graduation cap prompt, walk across the classroom and receive two scrolls from the teacher). Her teacher is amazed. Now, she needs lab space to research about magnets. Can you guess who has a lab?



Questions/Reading discussion: 1-5 sand dollars  
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Ask: What does Marie do to earn money?

Example: She takes care of the kids in a wealthy family.

Ask: Why do you think Marie has to use all her clothes at the same time to stay warm?

Example: Maybe she doesn't have a heater.

Ask: What does Marie study at university?

Example: Math and science.

Ask: Where do you think Marie will do her research about magnets?

Example: At Pierre's Lab!



Cut this door out and stick it on the door. Let students come up with their own secret knocking patterns to enter the Flying University classroom.

Cut out this brush and use it to gently stroke a pretend horse.



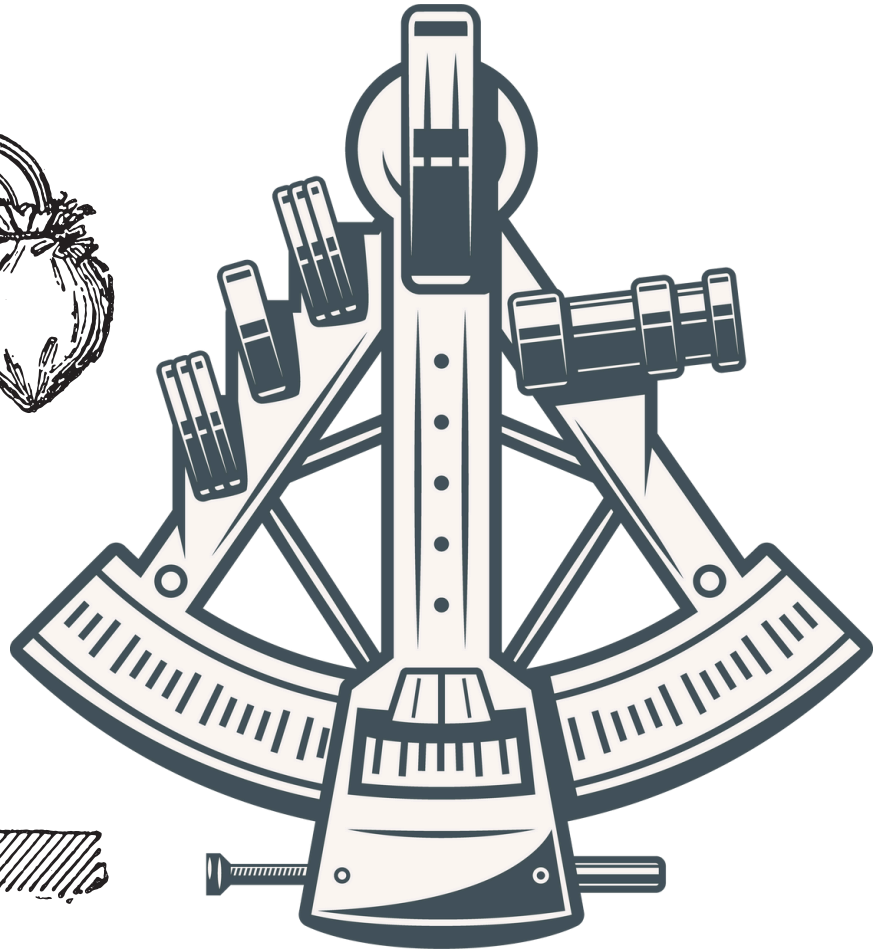
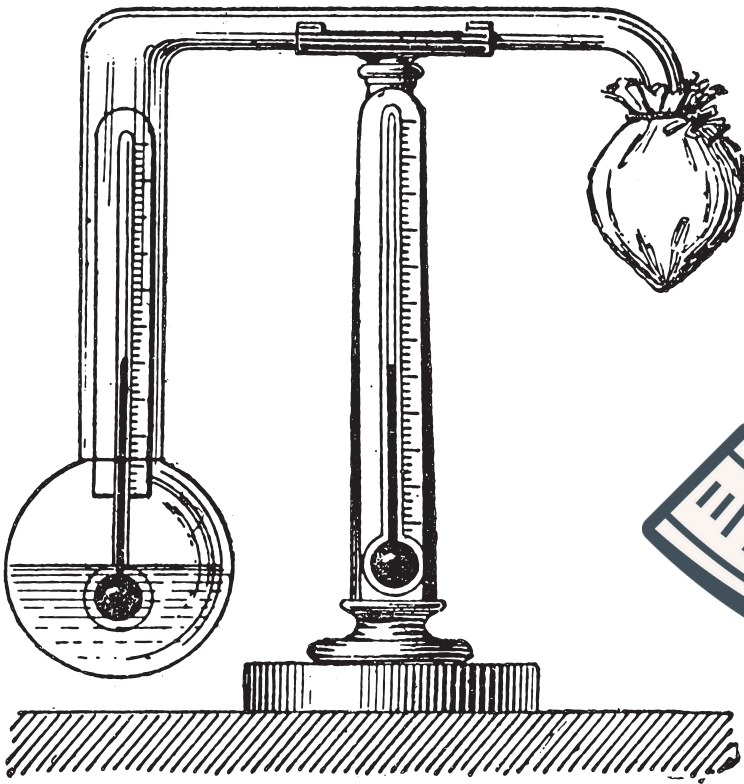
Cut out this graduation cap for Marie and roll two scrolls of blank paper for her degrees.

**Maria and Bronya:**  
Tape this on a door,  
board or wall and  
make up a secret  
knock to enter the  
university,

**Maria:** Stroke a  
pretend horse in the  
stable. Brush its  
glossy coat gently.

**Maria:** Walk across the classroom  
and receive your scroll to graduate!

Cut out these scientific instruments for Pierre to use in making measurements.



Cut out this bed covered with clothes to portray Marie.



**Pierre:** Hold up these scientific instruments and make measurements. Be very slow and careful.

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**Maria:** Snuggle under ALL your clothes to stay warm. Shiver because it is still cold!