

Assembly Script for
J.D. and the Great Barber Battle (2021)
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The History of Hair – This assembly can combine fun and information! Have two different contestants and a host on stage. The host will show various pictures, highlighting people who were known for their famous hairstyles. (If you can use a projector to display the photos, this would be helpful for your audience.) Contestants will get points for identifying a hairstyle and the host can tell a bit about the history of the style.

Host stands in the middle of the stage, holding a large 8 x 10 card, flanked by two podiums, a contestant standing behind each one.

Host: Hello and welcome everyone to another round of The History of Hair! Today, we have two brilliant contestants with us, and we are going to see who knows the most about the lovely locks that hang from our heads. Are you all ready for some hair-raising fun?

Contestant 1: I'm ready!

Contestant 2: I was born ready!

Host: Okay, the first question is to you, Contestant 1. *(holds up a picture of Rapunzel and/or points to the projected picture behind him)* This princess taught us all that hair can be a blessing and a curse. Who is this?

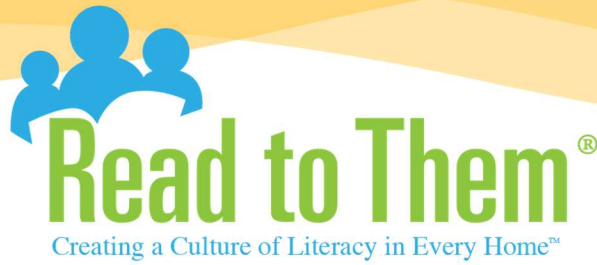
Contestant 1: Rapunzel!

Host: You're right! *(audience claps)* *Rapunzel* is a German folktale, published in 1812, about a princess who is locked in a tower by an evil witch and is eventually saved by a prince who climbs up her golden locks to rescue her.

Contestant 2: That sounds painful.

Host: Yes, I wouldn't recommend it. *(looks at Contestant 2)* Are you ready for the next question?

Contestant 2: *(pumps fists)* Hair Hair!



Host: *(looks sideways at Contestant 2)* Okay... *(holds up photo of the Beatles)* Who are these fine young gentlemen, and what is the name of this haircut that they made famous?

Contestant 2: *(rubs face)* Hmmmm...is that Justin Bieber and his brothers?

Buzzer sounds

Host: Nope! Justin Bieber may have used these cats as inspiration for his own version of this hairstyle, but these crooners were way before The Biebs' time. *(turns to Contestant 1)* Want to take a crack at it?

Contestant 1: No clue.

Host: This, my friends, is a picture of the Beatles. These young men took the world by storm when they performed on *The Ed Sullivan Show* in 1964 and gave the world this new look. *(looks at Contestant 1)* Are you ready for the next question?

Contestant 1: Absolutely!

Host: This is a good one. *(holds up a photo of James Brown)* Can you venture a guess as to who this handsome fella is and what his hairstyle is called?

Contestant 1: Hmmmm...I feel like I should know, but... *(buzzer sounds)*

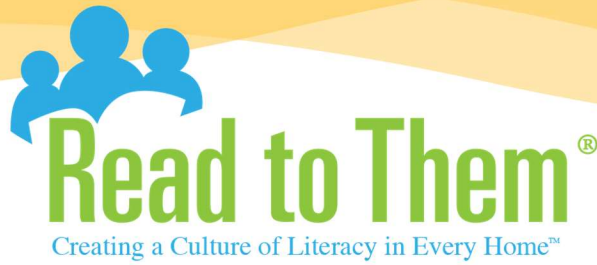
Host: *(looks at Contestant 2)* Do you want to try, Contestant 2?

Contestant 2: *(rolls eyes)* That's easy! You are holding a picture of James Brown, the legend, the Godfather of Soul, who was famous for wearing his hair in The Konk Pompadour style.

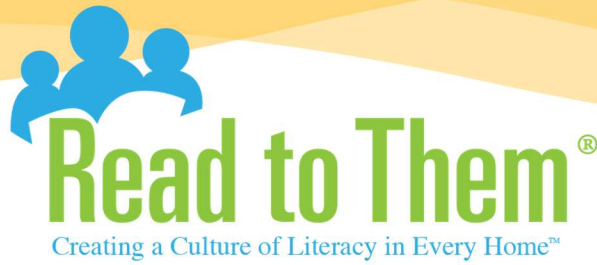
Host: You are correct! *(audience cheers)* The Konk Pompadour was a popular style for men from the 1920s through the mid- '60s. It took a lot of work to get someone's hair to look this good! You each have one point! *(turns to Contestant 2)* Are you ready for the next question?

Contestant 2: Lay it on me!

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- Host:** *(holds up a picture of Marge Simpson)* Can you tell me who –
- Contestant 2:** That's Marge Simpson! Bart's mom! And that's her famous Blue Beehive!
- Contestant 1:** Hey, that's not fair. She isn't even a real person!
- Host:** Real or not, Marge Simpson's hairdo is a classic that was made famous in the Sixties but has been around long before that. Hair is piled on top of the person's head and twisted backward in order to look like –
- Contestant 2:** A beehive! *(cheers, looks at audience)*
- Host:** Exactly. *(looks back at Contestant 1)* You have one point, Contestant 1 and your competitor has two. Are you ready for another chance to catch up?
- Contestant 1:** Definitely. Give me a good one!
- Host:** *(holds up picture of Barack Obama)* This is a good one. Can you tell me –
- Contestant 1:** *(excitedly)* That's none other than our 44th president of the United States, Barack Obama!
- Host:** And his haircut style in this photo?
- Contestant 1:** Easy! President Obama is sporting a Buzz Cut!
- Host:** You're correct! Though Mr. Obama has rocked an Afro as well as a Crew Cut, his most popular hairstyle during his eight years as president was the Buzz Cut. A Buzz Cut is the perfect style for someone who wants something low maintenance and easy to care for.
- Contestant 2:** My turn!
- Host:** Actually, this is our final question and it's up for anyone to answer, since you both are tied. *(looks at both contestants)* Whoever gets this one will be the winner of *The History of Hair!* Ready?
- Both:** Yes!



Host: Okay, this is a tough one. Remember, I need the name of the person AND their hairstyle. *(holds up a picture of Jordan from page 51 in J.D. and the Great Barber Battle)* Who wants to guess who this handsome guy is, and the name of his haircut?

Both contestants look at each other, confused.

Contestant 1: *(scratches head)* Uh...I don't know...

Contestant 2: He is a handsome guy. But I don't think I recognize him.

Bells and whistles sound off stage.

Host: Well, no worries because guess what? You are going to get to know that guy, his hair, and a bunch of other cool stuff when you read our next school read-aloud, *J.D. and the Great Barber Battle!*

A handful of people run on stage with J.D. books in their arms and hand them to each contestant and the host.

Contestant 1: Wow! This looks awesome!

Contestant 2: I can't wait to start reading!

Host: Me too! *(holds up his book while looking out at the audience)* And you are all going home with one too! Start reading!

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