

Hands-On History Fun

Create-A-Craft:

Finger Paint a "Seascape"

During this time in England, there was a very famous painter, Joseph Turner, who was best known for his paintings of the sea. Try your hand at creating a masterpiece!

You will need:

- ½ cup clear liquid dish soap
- 1½ tablespoons cornstarch
- Blue food coloring

- Green food coloring
- Freezer paper or other paper used for finger painting

Mix the dish soap and cornstarch together until well blended. Divide into two small bowls, then add the blue food coloring to one bowl and the green food coloring to the other. Mix with a spoon until the "paint" is smooth. On the paper (shiny side up), finger paint a picture of the sea using the blue and green paints.

Fun Food to Fix:

Nachos

Mexico had been a colony of Spain since the time of Cortes and the Aztecs. But when Napoleon placed his brother on the throne of Spain, the people in Mexico thought, "Enough is enough! Being ruled by Spain is bad, but this new king isn't even Spanish!" This began a series of struggles between Mexico and Spain that lasted for decades, even beyond Mexico's declaration of independence. One of Mexico's most important heroes in this struggle was a native Indian named Benito Juarez. He eventually re-established a republic. So, to

remember Juarez, let's have Mexican food!

You will need:

- Tortilla chips (*several per person*)
- Grated cheese
- Sour cream
- Salsa
- Black olives, sliced (optional)
- Chopped fresh tomatoes (optional)
- Jalapeño peppers, sliced (optional—they're HOT!)

CAUTION: ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED. On a baking sheet, spread the tortilla chips in one layer. Sprinkle grated cheese over the tortilla chips (thick or thin according to your preference). Place in a preheated oven to 350°F, and bake for 10–12 minutes, or until cheese melts. Remove from oven and, using a spatula, carefully place a portion of chips on individual plates. Serve with salsa, sour cream, and the optional toppings.