

# Mr. and Mrs. Blue: The Story Behind the Founding of the Buena Vista Horace Mann School

Once upon a time, there were two fearsome pirates, named Mr. and Mrs. Blue. They sailed around all of the Seven Seas, gathering treasures of all shapes and varieties. They enjoyed making small children walk the plank, and looking at their reflections in the shiny surfaces of their recently plundered treasure. They made their home on a tricked-out pirate ship, and enjoyed catching anchovies from the ocean to put on their homemade pizzas, which they baked in the sun.

Eventually, they got tired of always stealing from others, and decided the world needed to hear the stories of their adventures. However, Mr. and Mrs. Blue were getting a little older, and they thought it would be great to hire some young assistants to help them write their tales. They searched far and wide, but soon realized that all of the kids they interviewed for the position hated their schools, and as a result, didn't want to write their stories!

Mr. and Mrs. Blue decided that they needed to do something about that, and so they decided to design and build their own school, where kids would want to learn and write. After looking high and low, they finally found the perfect space, in the most fabulous city of the world, San Francisco. In order to feel more at home, they remodeled their new writing space to look like the inside of a ship, and set out to find some eager young writers. They planted a garden to keep the kids healthy and strong when they were writing, and painted the buildings a sunny yellow to help lift their spirits. They added two gyms and a big yard so that the kids would have somewhere to get their energy out, and opened the doors of Buena Vista Horace Mann School.

# Imagining a History For a Dream School

Directions: Now that you have read the story of Mr. and Mrs. Blue, think about who (or what!) might be responsible for founding your new school. Think about your design for the new school. Who might be a character that opens the new school? Why might they want to open a new space?

- *What is the imagined history of the new space? Brainstorm your ideas in the space below:*

# Creating Comic Histories

Directions: Draw the comic to show what happens in your imagined history of your new school. Each panel should include a caption or dialogue to explain what is going on at that point in the story.

- *Think about your main character, what conflict they will face, and how that problem will be solved!*


*If you finish early, you can start drafting the story of your imagined history on lined paper!*

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