### Introduction

Here is an engaging past simple worksheet activity for intermediate students. In the activity, students complete statements with past simple regular and irregular verbs. The students then guess which statements are historical facts and which are myths.

### Procedure

1. **Split the class into three groups (Group A, B, and C).**
2. **Give each student a corresponding A, B or C worksheet.**
3. **Tell the students to work together with the people in their group and complete the statements by writing the regular and irregular verbs from the box into the sentences in their past simple form.**
4. **When they have finished, go around to each group and check their answers using the answer key below.**
5. **Next, rearrange the class into teams of three, comprising of a Student A, B and C.**
6. **Tell the teams that each student's worksheet contains six historical facts and four myths.**
7. **Their task is to read the statements together, discuss them, and decide which are historical facts and which are myths.**
8. **When everyone has finished, read each statement and then elicit each team's answer. If possible, ask students to justify their response. Then give the class the correct answer.**
9. **Teams score one point for each correct guess. The team with the highest score at the end of the game wins.**

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Student A

2. A sheep, a duck and a rooster __________ the first passengers in a hot air balloon.
3. King Henry VIII __________ with a gigantic axe beside him.
4. Albert Einstein __________ math.
5. Pirates __________ earrings because they believed it improved their eyesight.
6. Christopher Columbus __________ America.
7. In 2007, Corey Taylor __________ his own death in order to get out of his cell phone contract without paying a fee.
8. In England, in the 1880's, people __________ "Pants" as a dirty word.
9. Sails __________ the first Egyptian chariots.
10. There is a glacier __________ "Blood Falls" in Antarctica that regularly pours out red liquid.

Student B

1. Samuel L. Jackson __________ to have a purple light saber in Star Wars in order for him to accept the part as Mace Windu.
2. Spanish Influenza __________ in Spain.
3. The White House was grey before they __________ it white.
4. Ninjas __________ all black costumes.
5. In 2008, scientists __________ a new species of bacteria that lives in hairspray.
6. An epidemic of laughing that lasted almost a year __________ out in Tanganyika in 1962.
7. Shakespeare __________ the story "Hamlet."
8. The State of California __________ 6 driving licenses to people named Jesus Christ.
9. In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes __________ a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead.
10. Vincent Van Gogh __________ off his ear.

Student C

1. The Titanic __________ the first ship to use the SOS signal.
2. A coin toss __________ Hewlett-Packard's name.
3. Jewish slaves __________ the pyramids.
5. Benjamin Franklin __________ the turkey as the national bird of the United States.
6. The person who invented the Frisbee was cremated and __________ into frisbees after he died.
7. Vikings __________ horned-helmets.
8. Hitler's mother considered abortion but the doctor __________ her to keep the baby.
9. Isaac Newton __________ the game Hopscotch.
10. In 1998, Sony accidentally __________ 700,000 camcorders that had the technology to see through people's clothes.