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Invisible Ink

During the American Revolution, information was passed by handwritten letters. Spies for both the Continental and British forces used methods to protect messages in case they were intercepted by the enemy, including invisible ink. This ink, called a “stain,” used a special chemical to reveal the writing.

Directions:

1. **WATCH** the video on our YouTube page and follow along. Use a white crayon to write a message (or messages) on the space provided below. Make sure to press hard with the crayon on the paper to ensure the message will be visible later.
2. Use watercolor paint and a brush to paint over your message. Pick a dark color, like blue or red, they work best on this activity.

Invisible Ink Message(s):

Materials:

- *Invisible ink instruction and writing sheet*
- *Invisible ink YouTube video*
- *White crayon*
- *Watercolor paint and brush*
- *Cup of water*

