What is the exercise?	Use quick role plays to learn more about important figures in your subject
Planning and materials	The roles and information for the actors.
How many students?	5+
How it works	Nominate a student to role play that they are the relevant character / artist / scientist / politician. Nominate others to ask them questions which they must answer in character.
Adaptations and Differentiations	Adaptation: Split class into groups, with each group representing one character and researching about that character's opinions and history. Groups then nominate a group representative to take part in the hot seating activity. Higher-ability groups: Nominate one student to play the part of a Paxman-style interviewer and really grill the hot seated indvidiual Higher-ability groups: If this activity goes well, why not run a mock trial?
Best used	In form time; in a club; in a lesson As a plenary; as a starter; In primary schools; in secondary schools With a whole class; with smaller groups To develop learning and thinking on a topic; to revise a topic
Your notes:	