

1B Class Presentation: History of Favorite Foods

Scene 1 (Props: apron, board, SPAM pic, WYY pic,)

Narrator 1	B and C are eating in a restaurant
Waiter A	May I take your order?
Customer B	Yes, (give SPAM) I want a sandwich with SPAM preserved meat please.
Waiter A	Sorry, we don't have the SPAM brand, may I introduce you another brand? For example, WYY brand? (show WYY brand)
Customer B	No. I want the SPAM brand. It's the perfect one.
Customer C	Don't be angry. It is just SPAM?!
Customer B	It is just SPAM?? NO IT IS NOT!!! (angry) It is very important in the American history. Do you know that?
Waiter A	What?? This is (show SPAM) about the American history?

Scene 2 During the Second World War...

Narrator 2	When America entered the war in 1941 and began sending soldiers overseas, it was difficult to give enough food to the soldiers...
Narrator 2	Here is the conversation of some American soldiers during the Second World War.
Soldier D	I am in the Philippines now. I just came back from the war fighting against Japanese. Oh I am starving!!
Soldier E	Yes, I am so hungry. I want to eat hamburger.
Soldier F	I want to eat chicken. I want to eat MEAT so much.
General G	Hey guys. WAKE UP. We are AT WAR!! This is not a holiday. Shut up and eat your biscuits now.
Soldier E	We have no energy if we just eat the biscuits. We want to eat MEAT... MEAT... MEAT...
Soldier F	If there is no meat for us, we should go home.
General G	Calm down, don't worry.

	<p>We will find some food that we don't need to put it in the fridge</p> <p>You can eat it cold or hot in many ways.</p>
Soldier D	<p>All we need is the meat in a can to go to war. HEY! We can try the SPAM preserved meat!</p>
Soldier E	<p>SPAM with bread is another kind of HAMBURGER.</p> <p>It is cheap! It has lots of nutrition too.</p>
Soldier F	<p>We can carry the canned SPAM by ourselves, eat the SPAM anywhere, anytime!</p>
General G	<p>Great! We need lots of SPAM, go and buy 15 million cans each week.</p>
Narrator 1	<p>Finally, the US army found the SPAM preserved meat, which was first produced in 1937. SPAM played an important role overseas. Whether the US army served in Italy, France, North Africa, Asia, or the Pacific, soldiers usually had SPAM in their backpacks.</p>
Narrator 2	<p>By 1944, thousands of SPAM canned products were used in military forces or military aid programs. That following April of 1945, more than 100 million pounds of SPAM had been sent abroad.</p>

Scene 3 Restaurant

Narrator 1	<p>Back to the Restaurant</p>
Customer B	<p>Wow, this is an interesting story about our daily food and the Second World War.</p>
Customer C	<p>Yeah. Even the Sandwich, do you know that the history of Sandwich?</p>
Customer B	<p>What? The history of Sandwich? What was it about?</p>
Customer C	<p>Sandwiches are a popular type of lunch food. We take them to work, to school, or picnics. But the word sandwich was not a food before, it was a small town in England in 18th century.</p>

Scene 4 At Sandwich's House

Narrator 2	The origin of the word 'sandwich' was from a man called John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich, a place in Britain. He didn't really 'invent' the sandwich but he may have made it popular.
John Montagu	I like playing cards. Hey guys, come and play cards.
	(John Montagu and friends are playing cards.)
Friend A	Shall we stop playing cards for a while and have our lunch first, John?
John Montagu	No! I would not leave the table for hours. Eating takes a long time. I want to play.
Friend B	But are you hungry? Let's eat now and play the cards later.
John Montagu	No. I want to eat and play cards at the same time.
Friend C	Don't be silly. How can you play the cards and eat food at the same time? You will make the cards dirty.
John Montagu	Okay, fine. I have an idea. Chef, come here.
Chef	Sir.
John Montagu	Put some meat between two pieces of bread. Then bring it to me. (Chef follows his order. Sandwich is ready.)
John Montagu	You see. Now I can play cards and eat at the same time, I don't need a fork.
Friend A	Oh, it is a good idea. May I have a sandwich please?
Friend B	(raise hand)Me too!
Friend C	(raise hand)Me too!
John Montagu	Hahaha...Let's continue the game and eat!

Scene 5 Narrator

Narrator 1	<p>That is the story of the sandwich.</p> <p>The most reliable history may not come in museums, but in the form of food.</p>
Narrator 2	<p>Food can even change a country.</p> <p>Many governments have been overthrown because of food issues.</p> <p>For example, the revolution happened early modern France was related to bread shortages.</p>
Narrator 1	<p>Start from today, we can explore the stories behind some of our favorite food, and what they reveal about the history.</p>