

# MISSION

## 1 LIVING YOUR COVER

### Mission Objectives

1. To test and strengthen memorization skills.
2. To experience the feelings involved with living undercover.
3. To learn about historic spies.
4. To strengthen and support creativity and flexible thinking.

## PRE-VISIT ACTIVITIES

Imagine what it would be like to assume a fake identity and try to live it day after day, or even year after year.

Real **intelligence case officers** often must adopt a **cover identity**. This is a new persona, one that guards and conceals an agent or officer's real identity, so they can carry out their secret mission with no one suspecting who they really are. The additional background information about the persona, or the **legend**, provides the rich details that make their cover appear real.

A spy's mission, and his or her life, depends on convincing people that this fiction is fact. Spies often must maintain and "live" their cover even under hostile **interrogation**.