

February 3, 2014

Dear Parents and students,

It is already time for our next book report! This book report will be part book report and part research paper. Attached are all the tools that you will need to help you write this report.

Each student will be picking a different biography to read. I need the names of their person on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. You will have this week to pick out a person, so that you can make sure you can find a 50-100 page book on this person to read. (This is the book part of it). The names are due on Friday, not before. I will discuss this process with the students again on Thursday. I must see the actual book by Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Attached you will also find the day that your child is assigned to give the report in front of the class. You will need to use an encyclopedia and the Internet as research tools. Each student will need to dress, as best as possible, as the person they are reporting on the day of their speech. This is something else to consider when you are picking out a biography.

You will have 7 weeks to complete this report since it is part research. This report will be due on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, speeches given March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Take this opportunity to work with your child, to help them use the library, and the Internet. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for all you do,

Mrs. Olson

# Biography Project Directions

## File Folder Report

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Famous Person \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Begins: February 3, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Copy Written Report Due: March 28, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_  
Speeches: March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

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### File Folder Report:

*Front Cover:* Attach the drawing of your famous person

*Inside Left Cover:* Attach your timeline and photos

*Inside Right:* Staple at the top all pages of the *written report\**. (*This is not the copied pages I gave you this is what you type out from the notes.*) Notes (the copied pages I gave as a guide for you) and bibliography are last.

*Back Cover:* Glue the "Important Poem" for your famous person and any photos

*File Folder Tab:* Write the famous person's name and your name

### Background Information on the Person

You will need to read and locate information from these *three* sources:

1. Biography novel (must be approved by Mrs. Olson)
2. Encyclopedia (on-line or print)
3. Internet source

### Famous Person Drawing

Draw a picture in color of your famous person on the paper provided. Decorate the background of the drawing of your person. Label your person's full name in large neat lettering and dates of birth and death. Write your first and last name and date in small lettering the lower right corner of the paper.

### Timeline

Draw a timeline with at least *8 important events* in your person's life. Add drawings, clip art, or photos to the timeline.

### \*Written Report

Write or type your final copy, using your notes (the copied pages I gave you), about your famous person. This report is *not written* in first person (like you are the person) it is written like you are writing about the person. Include information in a logical order to include:

Where was this person born? In what year?

Where did this person grow up?

What does/did this person do for a living?

Why is this person famous? What did/does this person do to become famous?

How has this person made an impact on others' lives?

Quotes and interesting information about the person

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### Important Book Poem

Margaret Wise Brown was the author of a book entitled *The Important Book*.

Use this as a model and write a poem entitled "The Important Thing" using your famous person as the subject of the poem.

Example:

The important thing about \_\_\_\_\_ is that he \_\_\_\_\_. (What he is famous for)

He \_\_\_\_\_. (List one thing he did)

He \_\_\_\_\_. (List another thing he did)

He \_\_\_\_\_. (List a third thing he did)

But the important thing about \_\_\_\_\_ is that he was \_\_\_\_\_. (Another thing he is famous for)

**Your Speech:** Your speech is to be completed when your report is turned in to me.

You will need to practice it each night until you give your speech to the class. A great way to make your speech is to take your written report (not the notes) and make it first person. (Example for your speech: My name is George Washington. I was the first president of the United States. Your written report will say: George Washington was the first president of the United States.) You will not be able to use your file folder the day of your speech.

**Public Speaking Monologue** (This speech is not turned in to me)

This activity will give you an opportunity to meet your benchmark in public speaking. **You will dress up (as much as you can) as your person and pretend you are the person.** Your speech should take around 3-4 minutes. You will tell all about your contributions, and about your life. You will need to rehearse at home.

Remember you will be scored for:

- C Content – important details included
- O Organization – a clear beginning, middle, and end
- L Language – appropriate and interesting words and language
- D Delivery – good eye contact, volume and body posture

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Poem for Biography Project**

Margaret Wise Brown was the author of a book entitled *The Important Book*.  
Use this as a model and write a poem entitled "The Important Thing" using your famous person as the subject of the poem. **This will need to be typed; do not use this form as your final copy!**

Here is an example poem:

*The important thing about Sir Francis Drake is that he was an English explorer.  
He was the first Englishman to circumnavigate the world.  
He followed secret orders from Queen Elizabeth as a pirate who attacked Spanish ships and towns.  
He later became Vice-Admiral of the English navy as commanded by the queen.  
But, the most important thing about Sir Francis Drake is that he defeated the Spanish Armada and kept England safe.*

The important thing about \_\_\_\_\_ is that s/he

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S/he \_\_\_\_\_  
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S/he \_\_\_\_\_  
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S/he \_\_\_\_\_  
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But the important thing about \_\_\_\_\_ is that s/he

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***This is not your final copy that is attached to the report. Please type this out!!!!***

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Bibliography of Sources Used

This needs to be turned in with the written report!

## BOOK:

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Publisher \_\_\_\_\_

Place Published \_\_\_\_\_

Date Published \_\_\_\_\_

## ON-LINE ENCYCLOPEDIA:

On-line Encyclopedia Title \_\_\_\_\_

Internet Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date you used this site \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERNET WEB SITE:

Internet Web Site Title \_\_\_\_\_

Internet Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date you used this site \_\_\_\_\_

## Encyclopedia Book:

Print Encyclopedia Title \_\_\_\_\_

Volume Letter \_\_\_\_\_ volume # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Publisher \_\_\_\_\_

Place Published \_\_\_\_\_

Article Title \_\_\_\_\_

Pages used \_\_\_\_\_

**Biography Notes:** (this is not the written report, nor is this the format that the final report should be written). Be sure to use this as a great way to take notes on your famous person. The notes you take do not need to be complete sentences, but make sure you have enough information to make it a full sentence when you write your written report. When you finish taking notes about your famous person, take your notes and form them into 6-8 separate paragraphs. Remember to have a main idea for each paragraph. A good paragraph has at least 5-7 sentences.

Famous Person \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Family and Childhood Information:

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What did this person do for a living:

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What is this person's hobbies and interests:

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Major accomplishments- Why is this person famous

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How has this person made an impact on others' lives

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Interesting information and other facts

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Famous Quotes by this person

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\*\*\*\*\*If you need more room because you have a lot of information, just put it on notebook paper and attach to these pages.

# Biography Presentation Schedule

## March 31<sup>st</sup>

Marina  
Luca  
Donavan  
Ethan  
Ben

## April 1<sup>st</sup>

Emah  
Michael  
Fergus  
Joseph  
Grant

## April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Nicholas  
Erin  
Anthony  
Alex  
Haylee

\*\*\*\*\*Please note that the file folder report, not the speech, is due on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. They will be penalized 5 points a day each day they are late.



*Who should you present for your biography book report?*

Alexander Graham Bell  
Daniel Boone  
Louis Braille  
Johnny Cash  
Christopher Columbus  
Davey Crockett  
Roald Dahl  
Walt Disney  
Thomas Edison  
Albert Einstein  
Henry Ford  
Ulysses S. Grant  
Nathan Hale  
Patrick Henry  
Harry Houdini  
Thomas Jefferson  
John F. Kennedy  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
John Lennon  
Abraham Lincoln  
Charles Lindbergh  
Paul McCartney  
Louis Pasteur  
Paul Revere  
Jackie Robinson  
Babe Ruth  
Mark Twain  
The Wright Brothers  
Tiger Woods  
Dr. Seuss  
Colin Powell

Jane Addams  
Susan B. Anthony  
Clara Barton  
Ruby Bridges  
Beverly Cleary  
Cleopatra  
Marie Curie  
Amelia Earhart  
Anne Frank  
Jane Goodall  
Helen Keller  
Dolley Madison  
Annie Oakley  
Rosa Parks  
Pocahontas  
Eleanor Roosevelt  
Betsy Ross  
Sacajawea  
Harriet Tubman  
Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Mia Hamm  
Eugenie Clark  
Taylor Swift

Or choose one of your own... just be sure you can find a book! A lot of times just because they are famous doesn't mean there is a book about them.



