

My person is: _____

Name: _____ #: _____

Biography Writing Project

DUE: _____

Use this guide to help you collect information on the person you have chosen to write on. You may not find all information listed below, but the more you are able to find the more you will have to use with your writing. Feel free to also add other information that is not listed below as well. Since this project combines your writing and reading project for this month, you **MUST** use at least one book about the person you have chosen, but you may also use the internet to find other details you wish to add to your writing. You will have some time in class to work on this project, but you will need to spend some time at home collecting information.

Introductory Information

- Who have you chosen to write about?
- Where and when was this person born?
- Where and when did this person die?
- Why is this person famous?
- Why is this person worth knowing about?

Body of Story Information

- Childhood and Upbringing
 - Where did this person spend their childhood?
 - What, if any, historical events took place during this time, and how did this influence their life?
 - How did this person display an interest or talent for their future career?
 - What school did he/she attend?
 - What did they like/dislike about school?
 - What was their family life like?
 - What did their parents do for work?
 - Did he/she have any siblings?
 - Was their family supportive of their dreams? Why or why not?
- Adulthood
 - Where did this person go to college and what degree did they receive?
 - If they did not attend college how did they get started in their field?
 - What other kinds of training did they receive?
 - What jobs did they have that influenced their career?
 - What was their first major discovery or accomplishment and how did they achieve it?
 - Did anyone person or life event influence their work at this time?
 - What goals did this person set out to achieve?
 - How did they achieve their goals?
 - What other major events occurred during this time in their life? (Ex. marriage, world event, etc.)
 - What did this person do to get recognized in their field?
 - What other major accomplishments, discoveries, inventions, publications (books), or awards made this person famous?

Closing Information

- How did this person make a difference in the world?
- How would our lives be different if this person did not achieve their goals?
- Why should this person be remembered?
- What big lesson did they teach others?
- How has this person influenced your life?
- Would you like to be like this person? Why or why not?

Sources Used:

Book Title and Author: _____

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Web Site Addresses: (List here)

Helpful hints:

- Use search term “biography of _____” using the person’s name
- Use website: <http://www.biography.com/people>
- Always write your information in chronological order (birth → adult → death)

Possible choices of famous people:

Hank Aaron (baseball player)
Abraham Lincoln (president)
Tim Allen (actor)
Steve Jobs (inventor)
Neil Armstrong (astronaut)
Billy Joel (singer)
George Lucas (movie director)
Michael Jordan (basketball player)
J.R. Tolkien (author)
Martin Luther King Jr. (civil rights activist)
Amelia Earhart (pilot)
Michael Jackson (singer)

Shirley Temple (film actress)
Muhammad Ali (boxer)
Albert Einstein (inventor)
Princess Diana (princess)
Patrick Henry (founding father)
Charles Lindbergh (pilot)
Alexander Graham Bell (inventor)
William Clark (explorer)
John F. Kennedy (president)
Rosa Parks (civil rights)