



Biography Bistro! What is the Bistro and what do I need to do?

What is the Biography Bistro?

- This is our BIG culminating event!
- We will apply lessons we've learned this year in:
 - Math: Decimals, Money, Add/Subtract!
 - Reading: Research Methods!
 - Writing: Informative Report!
 - Social Studies/History!
 - Science: Health/Nutrition!
 - Class Meetings: Teamwork! Stress Management!
 - Performance!
 - And more!

What do I need to do?

- Choose an historic figure to research and represent:
 - MUST be a positive, important person
 - Famous enough that adults can guess who you are
 - Can't be 'famous for being famous'
 - Can be living or dead
 - Can be any gender/ethnicity
 - Does not have to look like you!

Then what?

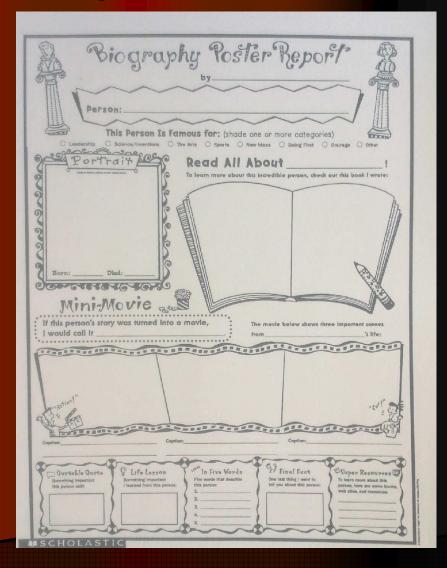
- RESEARCH!
 - Learn everything you can about your person!
 - Variety of resources:
 - Books
 - Fiction and non-fiction (less historically accurate)
 - Kids books and adult books
 - Articles
 - Magazines
 - Newspapers
 - Encyclopedias
 - Movies
 - Documentaries
 - Narrative (less historically accurate)
 - Internet—last choice
 - Discern: Is this a good site? Reliable?

What do I do with my research?

- Write a Biography!
 - Write in your own words—no plagiarizing!
 - It doesn't have to be long to be high quality
 - Cite your sources!
 - Footnotes!
 - Sources/Works cited/Bibliography at the end!
 - No particular format required
 - Photos ok, but not required
 - This is your final writing assignment and you have quite a bit of time to work on it—
 - I expect EXCELLENT quality!

What do I do with my research?

- Make the Biography Poster
 - I have copies already to go
 - This is done after the report is written
 - Here is where a photo is great!



Then what?

- Prepare your costume!
 - Does not have to be expensive!
 - Homemade = awesome and cheaper if you have the time
 - NO face make-up etc. to change your skin tone (black face = offensive)
 - Hair: think wigs if it is really complicated
 - The Bistro tends to get hot, so try to wear something that can be pretty comfortable
 - The costume is due at school before the event
 - Wear normal school clothes on the days of the event, change here

Prepare thy Acting Skills!

- You will be acting as your person!
 - Memorize important information that people might ask you
 - Birth/death dates?
 - Where did you grow up, live as an adult?
 - What jobs did you do?
 - Why are you famous?
 - What are your greatest accomplishments?
 Failures?







But, what is the Bistro part?

- Our classroom becomes a fully functioning restaurant:
 - We seat the guests, take their orders, cook for them, serve them, clean up after them, and charge actual, real money!
 - I expect you to act just like real food service staff
 - No one wants to eat gross food, have poor, unsanitary service, or staff that can't figure out the bill or give change!

Bistro Jobs!

- You will learn about the different Bistro jobs later
 - You will apply for your favorites
 - We will train everyone for the different jobs
 - We will practice!

Host/Hostess

Server

Busboy/girl

Cook

Child Care

Order Czar

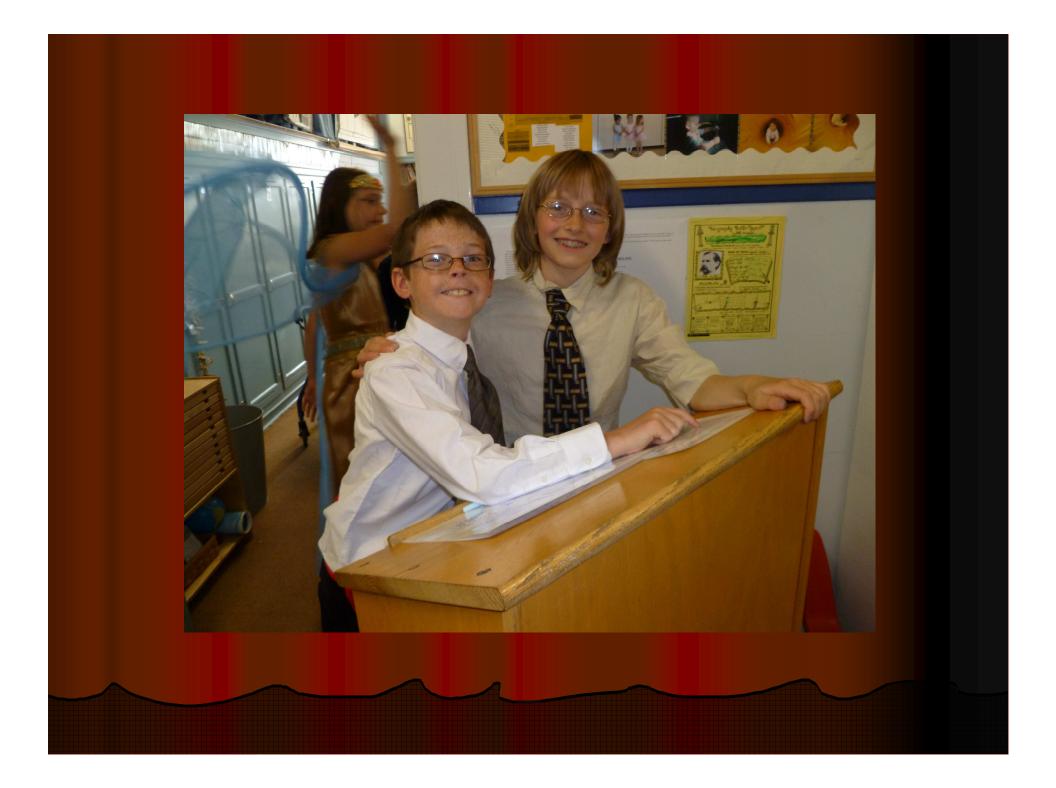
Positions already filled:

Head Chef: Mr. Delaney

General Manager: Mrs. Delaney

Bistro Staff Dress Code

- Just like a real restaurant, we have a dress code!
- Black bottoms (skirt or pants)
- White shirt with a collar
- Tie (you can borrow one of Mr. Delaney's)
- You can share with a friend if you don't have the shirt/pants (we will wash them here at school)
- The Bistro clothes are due at school before the event
- I'll provide:
 - Hair nets and gloves for kitchen staff!
 - Aprons (and ties) for serving staff





How does the event work?

- This is a two-day event:
- You are 'Biography' on one day
 - Dressed as your historic figure and acting
- You are 'Bistro' on the other
 - Dressed as bistro staff and working

Both days everyone helps set up and take down

Can I work with a friend?

- There can be two people on the same person, no more
 - You will perform on opposite days during the event
 - You can research together
 - You must write your own report, poster, etc.
 - You can share costumes (or costume parts) if you'd like (we can wash at school)

Happy Biography Bistro!

