



# Biography Bistro!

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# 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!

**Biography Poster Report**

by \_\_\_\_\_

Person: \_\_\_\_\_

**This Person Is Famous for:** (shade one or more categories)

☐ Leadership ☐ Science/Inventions ☐ The Arts ☐ Sports ☐ New Ideas ☐ Being First ☐ Courage ☐ Other

**Portrait**

Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Died: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read All About** \_\_\_\_\_!

To learn more about this incredible person, check out this book I wrote:

**Mini-Movie**

If this person's story was turned into a movie, I would call it \_\_\_\_\_

The movie below shows three important scenes from \_\_\_\_\_'s life:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Caption:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Quotable Quote**

Something important this person said:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Life Lesson**

Something important I learned from this person:

\_\_\_\_\_

**In Five Words**

Five words that describe this person:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Fact**

One last thing I want to tell you about this person:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Super Resources**

To learn more about this person, here are some books, web sites, and resources:

\_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLASTIC

# 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?





Jeanette  
Rankin



George  
Washington



Anne Frank



Wyatt Earp





Shirley  
Temple



Sacagawea



Abe Lincoln

Ronald Reagan

# 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!

Head Chef and General Manager

