Media Literacy 8th grade

Biography Project

File Folder Report

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Written Report Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Presentations Begin: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**File Folder Report:**

Front Cover: Attach the drawing of your famous person

Inside Left Cover: Attach your timeline and any photos

Inside Right: Staple at the top all pages of the written report

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 at least three sources:

1. Biography novel (must be an AR book. We will go to the East Jay library on several occasions)
2. Encyclopedia
3. Biography.com or Biography in context (from Inspire)
4. Internet Source verified by CRAP method

**Famous Person Drawing**

Draw a picture in color of your famous person. Please do not use lined paper for this. Decorate the background of the drawing of your person if you wish. Label your person’s full name in large neat lettering and dates of birth and death (if applicable). Write your first and last name and date in small lettering the lower right corner of the paper.

**Timeline**

You may hand-draw or use the computer to 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**

Use Microsoft Word or write your final copy in your best printing about your famous 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
* You must also include a Works Cited page in MLA citation (we will review throughout the term and an information sheet will be provided until then).

**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/She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (list one thing he/she did)

 He/She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (list another thing he/she did)

 He/She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (list a third thing he/she did)

 But the important thing about\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that he/she was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (what he/she is most famous for…but NOT the same thing as in line 1).

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.*

**Presentation**

In your presentation, you will pretend you are the person that you researched. Dressing up as the person will be awarded extra credit (within reason and school appropriate, of course). You will tell all about your contributions, and about your life. You will benefit from rehearsing ahead of time. Speeches will take place the last three days of class and will be allotted no more than 5 minutes each.

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