

# Biography Project

## File Folder Report Directions

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

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

**Project Begins: Dec. 3    Written Report Due: Feb. 15    Speeches Begin: Feb. 25**

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### File Folder Report:

- **Front Cover:** Attach the drawing of your famous person
- **Inside Left Cover:** Attach your Inspiration timeline & "Important Poem"
- **Inside Right:** Staple all pages of the written report with bibliography at the end
- **Back Cover:** Glue any photos or quotes
- **File Folder Tab:** Write the famous person's name and your name

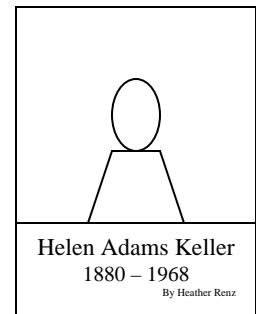
### Background Information on the Person

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

1. Biography novel (given out in class)
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 if you wish. 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

Use the Inspiration computer program to draw a timeline with at least 8 important events in your person's life. Add drawings, clip art, or photos to the timeline.

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### 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
- Fill out the bibliography information sheet showing the three sources used and attach it as the last page of your report

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_. (what he is famous for)

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.*

### Public Speaking Monologue

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. You will tell all about your contributions, and about your life. You will need to rehearse at home. Speeches will begin in February. You will sign up for a time to give your presentation.

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

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

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**Biography Notes** ~ Famous Person \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Family \_\_\_\_\_

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Childhood Information \_\_\_\_\_

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What did this person do for a living? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Bibliography of Sources Used

### BOOK:

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

Author \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### ENCYCLOPEDIA BOOK:

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

Volume Letter \_\_\_\_\_ Volume Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Article title \_\_\_\_\_

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

### ON-LINE ENCYCLOPEDIA:

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

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

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

### INTERNET WEB SITE:

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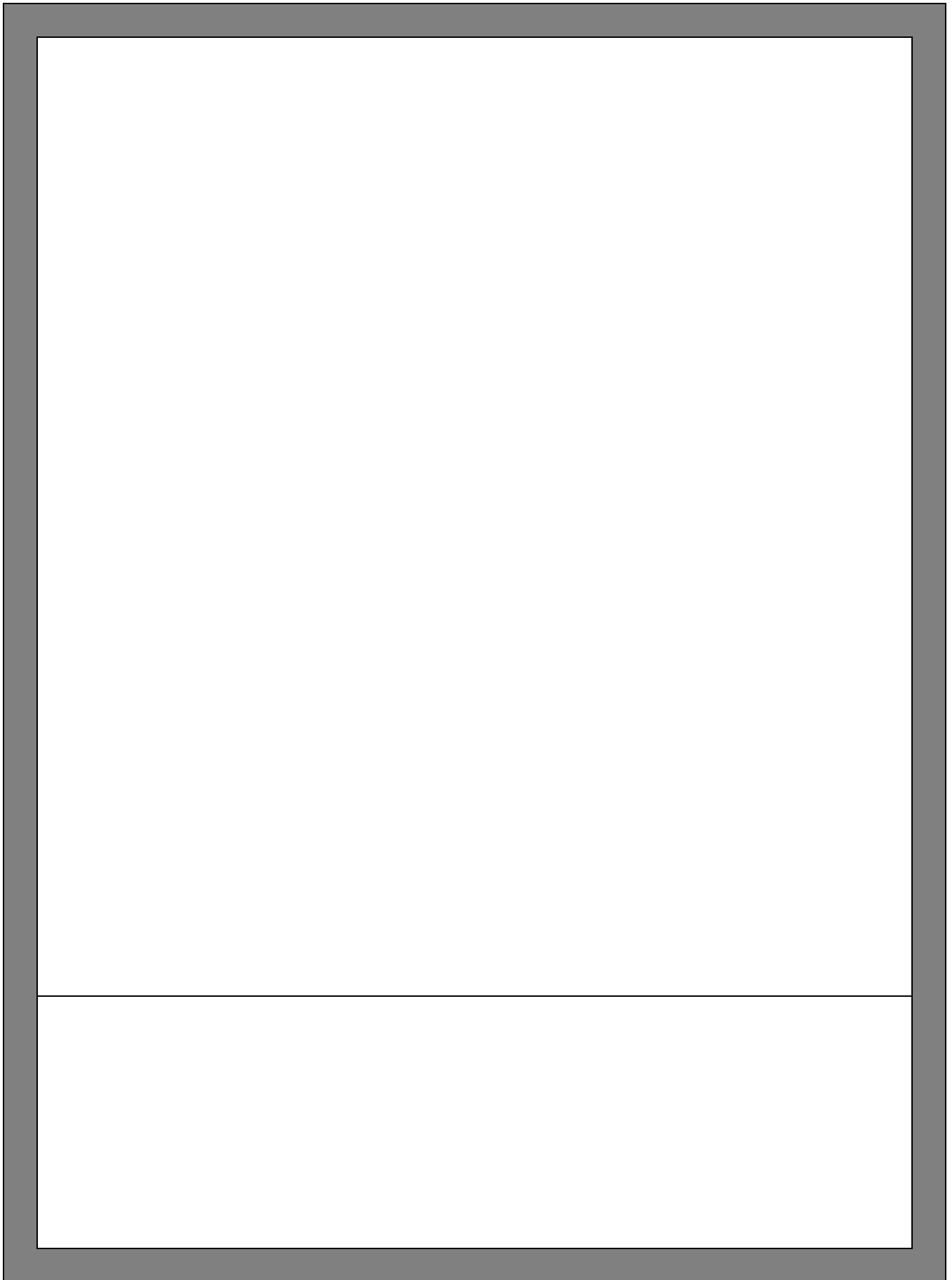
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## Important Poem

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(what he/she 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(what he/she is famous for)*