

Biography Project Directions

File Folder Report

Your Name _____

Famous Person _____

Rough Draft Report Due: _____ **Timeline Due:** _____
Final Copy Written Report Due: _____ **Speeches:** _____

File Folder Report:

Front Cover: Attach the drawing of your famous person

Inside Left Cover: Attach your Inspiration 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

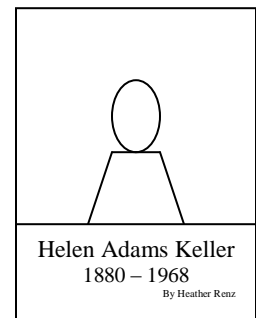
Background Information on the Person

You will need to read and locate information from 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

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 _____. (another thing 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 January right after Christmas break. 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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Famous person _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Date of Death _____ Place of Death _____

Family & Childhood Information _____

What did this person do for a living? _____

Hobbies and Interests: _____

Student Name _____

Bibliography of Sources Used

BOOK:

Book Title: _____

Author _____

Name of Publisher _____

Place Published _____

Date Published _____

ON-LINE ENCYCLOPEDIA:

On-line Encyclopedia Title _____

Internet Address _____

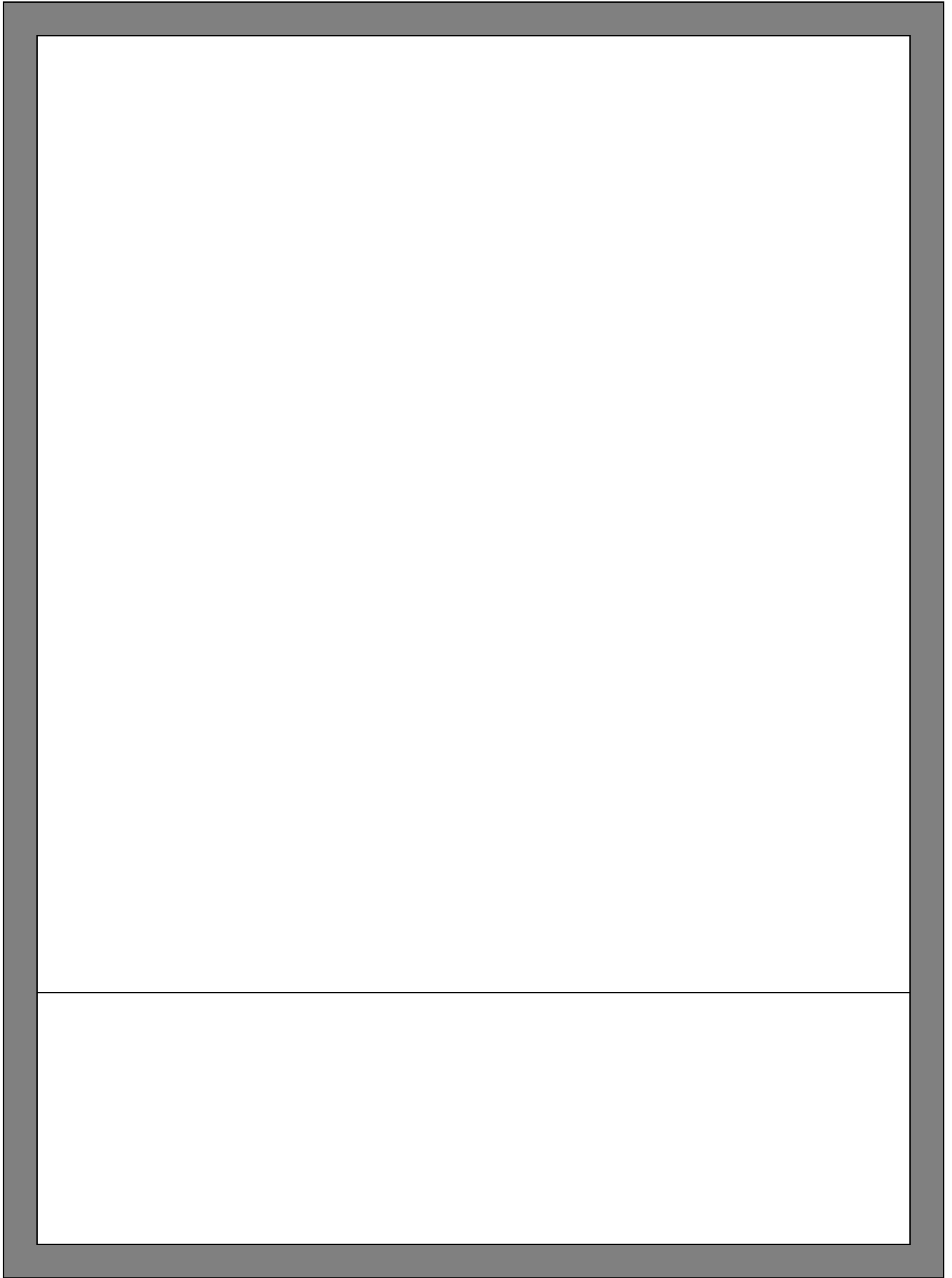
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Name _____

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But the important thing about _____ is that he was _____. (most important thing he is famous for)

Example:

J.R.R. Tolkien by Isaac R.

The important thing about J.R.R. Tolkien is that he was a writer and professor.

He wrote The Lord of the Rings.

He was best friends with C.C. Lewis.

He was a professor at Oxford College.

The important thing about J.R.R. Tolkien is that he was the most significant writer of the 20th Century.

The important thing about _____ is that s/he

S/he

S/he

S/he

But the important thing about _____ is that s/he

Biography Timeline



Name _____

Washington

Include at least 8 events in your famous person's life. You may include as many events as you like. You will be creating a timeline on the computer using "Inspiration." Be sure to include the birth date and death date. If the person is still alive you will write "still living" for the last event.

Date	Event