

Biography Project Directions

"Newsletter of the Time"

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Your Name _____

Famous Person _____

Newsletter Due Date: Friday, October 31

Technology Component

1. Use Microsoft Publisher to write three news articles about your famous person. This will be placed into a newspaper-type layout.
2. Include a timeline in list form with at least 5 important events in your person's life. Add drawings, clip art, or photos to the timeline.
3. Cite Internet sources appropriately.

Background Information on the Person

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

1. Biography book (given out in class)
2. Encyclopedia (on-line or print)
3. Internet source

Bibliography (see page 6)

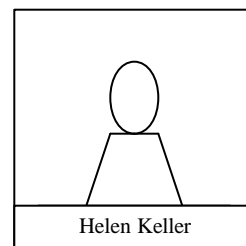
You will be required to write a bibliography and cite the three sources you used for clip art and information, so be sure to write down the information on the sheet given.

Note Taking (see pages 3-5)

You will need to take notes about information from the books or sources you used. As you read, take notes on the outline form given.

Character Sketch

You will draw a picture of your famous person. Use white 8½ x5½" white paper. At the bottom of the page, use a ruler to measure off a 3-inch deep section. Leave this section uncolored and use it to label your picture in large neat lettering with your person's name and dates of birth and death. Write your first and last name and date in small lettering the lower right corner of the paper.



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Timeline

Write a timeline of at least five important events in your person's life including the date and the event.

Written Articles

You will write four "newspaper" style articles. Remember to use good "lead" sentences to make your reader want to keep reading the article!

1. "Birth Announcement" - Announce the birth of your famous person, including the birth date, where they were born, and anything about the family of the person.
2. "The Life and Times of _____" - Write about the person's life including information about where the person attended school and college, tell about the adult life, for example, was the person married? Did he or she have children?
3. "In Memoriam" - Write an article about the person telling where and when the person died and why s/he was famous. It can tell how people of the time felt about the person and how they have impacted the world with their contributions.
4. "Interesting Information" or "Did You Know" type facts and/or quotes that make the person interesting and memorable.

Public Speaking Monologue

The purpose of this activity is to 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. The speeches will begin the first week of November. Students will sign up for a time to give their presentation.

Remember you will be scored for:

- delivery - eye contact, volume, body posture
- language - appropriate and interesting
- content - important details included
- organization - a clear beginning, middle, and end

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Bibliography Information Sheet

Part of being a good writer is being able to tell others where you found your information. List your sources of information and clip art in the space below. Be sure to fill in all of the information asked for.

FOR A BOOK:

Book Title: _____

Author _____

Name of Publisher _____

Place Published _____

Date Published _____

FOR AN ENCYCLOPEDIA:

Print Encyclopedia Title _____

Volume Letter _____ Volume Number _____ Date _____

Name of Publisher _____

Place Published _____

Date Published _____

Article title _____

Pages used _____

On-line Encyclopedia Title _____

Internet Address WWW. _____

Date you went to the site _____

FOR AN INTERNET SOURCE:

Internet Web Site Title _____

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