

November/December Project Due the Week of January 8th

Biographies

You will be choosing one historical figure and researching their life. A historical figure has made a contribution to our society and should not be just a celebrity. You will need to read a biography or autobiography that has an AR quiz. For your project, you will give a speech with a PowerPoint presentation. You may use other resources for your research, but you must pass the AR test for your biography book.

1. Your speech must include:

- An Introduction: Hook your audience with a fact or quick summary of your historical figure. Include three character traits to describe your subject and give examples in the following sections.
- Early childhood: Information you can include: When born, family members, what was life like for him/her growing up? Did he/she face any obstacles?
- Adulthood: Information you can include: Married, kids, education
 - What was he/she known for? How did he/she get to this point? What inspired him/her? Did he/she face any obstacles?
 - Death (if no longer living) Date of death? Cause?
- Summary: Highlight the significance of your historical figure by restating their accomplishments and contribution to society. Review the three character traits and support with evidence that was included in your speech.

Speeches should be written in the first person (I, me). They should be memorized and run 3-5 minutes long. You may use 3x5 cards for notes. **You must turn in a typed copy of your speech on Tuesday, December 19th.** Speeches will be graded for a writing grade.

2. PowerPoint or Google Slides must include:

- At least 5 slides (including a title slide)
- At least 1 picture of your historical figure (not a cartoon)
- Slides should have a title and bullets of information (not sentences/paragraphs)
- Slides should be visually appealing (easy to read, colors are not too similar)
- Pictures added should be historical (no cartoons)
- Transitions should be included between slides
- Slides should align with your speech.

Google Slides Drafts are due on Thursday, December 14th. Slides will be graded for a technology/multimedia grade.

3. For your presentation, you are encouraged to dress as the person you are studying. Costumes can be created out of clothing, paper, etc. Students will be given specific days to present during the week of January 8th.

4. Listening/Speaking Grade

- Posture
- Elocution
- Eye contact
- Able to respond to questions from the audience

5. Due Dates

- Take AR Quiz by Wednesday, November 29th
- Rough Draft for speech due by Monday, December 11th
- Google Slides Draft is due Thursday, December 14th
- Typed copy of speech is due Tuesday, December 19th