

Biography Report and Presentation

We have started our biography unit in reading. To go along with this unit, each child will be responsible for writing and presenting a biography report about a famous person of their choice. As we also are currently studying the Southeast Region of the United States, this figure should be related to this region of the country. This includes people born in the Southeast; people who have lived in the Southeast; or people who are in some way connected to the history of the Southeast (see the attached list for possible ideas). I have several book selections in the classroom for them to use, or they may use other resources of their own- library, internet, etc.

I have attached a grade sheet for this project so the kids know what is expected of them for this. **The research and writing is to be done at home. We will not have class time to do this.** The final writing piece is to be **at least 1 full page**. I have included an outline for the final writing piece. This can be printed or typed. I will help them at school if they have questions.

We will work on the models of their person in the classroom. This will be a papier-mâché head of the person they select. A few materials are listed below that will be needed for this project. I have enclosed a description of this project so you have an idea of what might be needed. We will do this in class the week of March 10th, so please have materials here by then.

The kids will do a class presentation of their person the week of March 15th. While doing their class presentation they are to portray the person they researched through word choice such as "I, me, my..." They may also choose to dress up as their biography person for this presentation. Regardless of what day your child is scheduled to present, Writing is due the Monday of that week, March 15th. You are welcome to come in and watch your child if you would like. I will send home a presentation schedule as the week gets closer.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this assignment.

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Materials Needed for models to be made in class-

Empty 2-liter bottle
Scraps of material for shirt/dress top, etc.
Yarn for hair
Any of items that may add to the character portrayed

Written Report Outline-

1st Paragraph- Person's name; date and place of birth; Family as a child and as an adult;

2nd Paragraph- why they are famous; influences and/or obstacles; anything else of interest you want us to know;

3rd Date of death or what they are doing now; your opinion of this person;

List of possible famous people associated with the Southeast Region

Robert E. Lee
Ulysses S. Grant
Sequoyah
Daniel Boone
Clara Barton
Thurgood Marshall
Bill Monroe
Rosa Parks
Martin Luther King Jr.
Jefferson Davis
Ponce de Leon
Davy Crockett
Elvis Presley
Johnny Cash
Hank Aaron
Jesse Owens
Babe Ruth
Harriet Tubman
Francis "Swamp Fox" Marion
Thomas Jefferson
George Washington
Woodrow Wilson
Richard Petty