



Biography Book Project



Part 1: 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 was _____.

He _____.

He _____.

He _____.

But the important thing about _____ is that he was _____.

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.*

Part 2: Timeline

Draw a timeline of your famous person's life. Show 7-10 important events in the person's life. Include colored clip art or drawings for each event. You may use the computer to draw your timeline or you may draw it by hand.

Part 3: Public Speaking Monologue

You will also give a speech about the life of this famous person. Tell about his or her contributions to society and explain about the person's life. 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 could also be a news reporter telling about the famous person. You will need to rehearse at home. The speeches will begin the first week of February. Students will sign up for a date to give their 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
- D delivery - eye contact, volume, body posture