

Biography Project

Synopsis

Each student will investigate one famous person of their choice and create a Google Slides presentation. The students will complete a total of seven slides and follow the requirements posted below. The students are required to read at least one Biography book. Each slide will include pictures and text. The students will formally present their slide show to the class. You may use more than one slide per category, if needed.

Slide Requirements

Use **bold font size 48** for titles and *non-bold size 24* for regular text.

Use an easy to read font. Please ensure that each slide is legible from a distance.

Include at least one picture on each slide. Do NOT use the same picture on multiple slides.

1. Title Page

- a. Write the name of the subject of your biography ("biographee")
- b. Include a large picture of your subject
- c. Include a one-line description of your subject's most famous accomplishment (e.g. "The author of Lord of the Rings")
- d. Include the date of birth of your subject and death (if applicable)
- e. Write "By [Your first name]"
(Do not include your last name since it will be published online)

2. Biography Book Facts

- a. What is the title of the biography book?
- b. Who is the author?
- c. Who is the illustrator (if applicable)?
- d. Include a picture of the book cover, if possible
- e. What is your opinion of the book?
- f. Would you recommend the book to other students?
 - i. Please explain why or why not

3. Background

- a. When and where was your subject born?
- b. Describe your subject's childhood
- c. Who did your subject marry and did he or she have any children?
- d. What training and/or experience did your subject complete (e.g. college)?
- e. Who and/or what influenced your subject?
- f. What experiences shaped your subject's life and career?
- g. Share anything else that is relevant about your subject's background.

4. Characteristics

- a. Describe your subject's physical appearance.
- b. Describe your subject's personality.
- c. Describe the characteristics that helped your subject be successful.
- d. What characteristics do you admire most about your subject?

5. Major Accomplishments

- a. What are your subject's most notable accomplishments?
- b. Why are these accomplishments important?
- c. Why do you admire these accomplishments?

6. Comparisons

- a. Compare yourself to your subject.
- b. Share at least three things you have in common.
- c. Share at least two differences.
- d. Include a picture of your subject and yourself.

7. Conclusion

- a. Share famous quotes by your subject or things others have said about him or her.
- b. Write "Thank you for Listening" and "Questions?" (on a separate line)
 - i. Be prepared to answer questions about your subject and the biography.

Presentation

You will share your presentation with the class. Do NOT simply read each slide. You must speak in a loud and clear voice. Please periodically make eye contact with your audience (not just your teacher). Please answer every question.

Grading

The Google Slides and presentation are worth a total of 100 points as a project grade in Writing. Ensure every word is spelled correctly and use correct grammar. Your layout, color choices, picture layout, etc. should be easy to see and aesthetically pleasing.

1. Each slide is worth 10 points
 - Five points for the text and five points for the picture(s) and layout
2. The presentation is worth 30 points

Due Date

The project is due on Thursday, February 24th. You may earn 10% extra credit if you are finished and ready to present a week early, on Thursday, February 17th.

Biography Project Grading Rubric

Name _____

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Each slide is worth 10 points: 5 for the text and 5 for the format and picture(s)

Slide	Requirements	Text	Format
Title Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write the name of the subject of your biography ("biographee") • Include a large picture of your subject • Include a one-line description of your subject's most famous accomplishment • Include the date of birth of your subject and death (if applicable) • Write "By [Your first name]" 		
Biography Book Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the title of the biography book? • Who is the author? • Who is the illustrator (if applicable)? • Include a picture of the book cover, if possible • What is your opinion of the book? • Would you recommend the book to other students? • Please explain why or why not 		
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When and where was your subject born? • Describe your subject's childhood • Who did your subject marry and did he or she have any children? • What training and/or experience did your subject complete (e.g. college)? • Who and/or what influenced your subject? • What experiences shaped your subject's life and career? • Share anything else that is relevant about your subject's background. 		

Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your subject's physical appearance. • Describe your subject's personality. • Describe the characteristics that helped your subject be successful. • What characteristics do you admire most about your subject? 		
Major Accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your subject's most notable accomplishments? • Why are these accomplishments important? • Why do you admire these accomplishments? 		
Comparisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare yourself to your subject. • Share at least three things you have in common. • Share at least two differences. • Include a picture of your subject and yourself. 		
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share famous quotes by your subject or things others have said about him or her. • Write "Thank you for Listening" and "Questions?" (on a separate line) • Be prepared to answer questions about your subject and the biography. 		
EXTRA CREDIT Slide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share how the person's background (e.g. female or African American) is significant 		+10

TOTAL POINTS EARNED ON SLIDES _____

Presentation	Requirements	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss each slide (don't just read the slides) • Speak in a loud and clear voice • Make periodic eye contact with the audience • Answer every question 	

DID YOU SUBMIT THE BIOGRAPHY EARLY FOR EXTRA CREDIT? _____

TOTAL GRADE _____

Biography Commitment Form

Parent's Autograph _____

By signing above, I hereby give permission for my child to read the biography listed below.

Student Name _____

Date _____

Title of Biography _____

Author _____

Number of Pages _____

1. Why do you want to read about the person you selected?

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Please refer to the **Biography Project handout** for the requirements.