**Gr. 6 Biography Research Project & Presentation**

In class we have been exploring the idea of Freedom including, “What is Freedom?” and “Freedom has Responsibilities!” For this assignment you will be researching a famous person who has **made a difference in the world**. You will need to do research, a planning sheet (to organize your ideas before writing), writing a 5 or more paragraph biographical essay, make a scrapbook page (done at home for homework) and do a presentation to the class.  Your research needs to come from at least 5 different sources, one of which must be a book. Along with the written report and works cited page (biography resources), you will also make a scrapbook page illustrating qualities or achievements from your person's life.  At the bottom of this page are links to several examples, handouts and websites that may be useful to you while working on this project.

**Step1**:**Choose your person**…

Look at some of the biography websites listed below and decide on the person you are interested in learning more about. Get your choice okayed by the teacher. You must be able to explain what difference your person has made in the world.

Choice:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What difference have they made in the world:

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**Step 2: Research** – (including works cited page)

You can use books, magazines, videos, the websites below or Google the name of the person you chose to find information about your person. Make sure to use a variety of resources (minimum of 5 different ones) when researching.

What to research about (guiding questions)…

1. Describe the early life of your person.
   1. What kind of person was he/she?
   2. What was it about their character that helped him/her to succeed?
   3. Did your character know what he/she wanted to become in the future?
   4. How did your character prepare for his/her future?
   5. What are the basic facts about him/her (where they were born, where they went to school, who was in their family etc)?
2. Tell about the work your person did.
   1. What were some of the issues he/she faced?
   2. What were some of the obstacles he/she faced?
   3. How did he/she overcome some of these obstacles?
   4. Why was his/her work or contribution important?
   5. How did he/she make a difference?
   6. Did he/she invent something or teach others?
   7. How did you he/she change the world?
   8. What lasting effects did your character have on the lives of others?
3. What should we all know about your person?
   1. How do we benefit today from him/her?
   2. What do you think was the most impressive thing about your character?
   3. How are future generations affected by him/her?
   4. Does he/she have any famous quotes?
   5. What adjectives describe him/her?
4. How has your person inspired you?
   1. In what ways would you like to be him/her?
   2. What would you ask him/her if you were able to have a conversation today?

**Step 3: Writing your Biography**

1. Choose and complete a graphic organizer (how you are going to organize your ideas)
2. Write your Biography essay – minimum of 5 paragraphs (1 introduction paragraph, 3 supporting paragraphs & 1 concluding paragraph)
3. Complete the editing sheet and make changes to your essay
4. Complete the works cited page (biography resources) listing all resources used. You need to use at least 5 different sources and one must be a book. Keep a running page where you list each source as you use it. To find out how to do this page go to the website below. (How to format your Biography Resources)

**Step 4: Scrapbook Page**

1. Create a scrapbook page illustrating qualities or achievements from your person's life.  Refer to the PowerPoint in the Google classroom for examples of what you can do for this.

***Biography Example:*** Here is an example of what your biography should look like. Remember though you need at least 5 paragraphs: 1 introduction paragraph, 3 supporting paragraphs & 1 concluding paragraph) <http://www.ccsdut.org/webpages/jdevitry/files/biosampler.pdf>

***Biography Websites:***

Biography online: <http://www.biographyonline.net/people/people-who-changed-world.html>

31 Most Inspiring Women Who Changed the World: <http://www.emlii.com/9146884/31-Most-Inspiring-Women-Who-Changed-The-World>

Biographies for Children: <http://www.pitara.com/category/non-fiction-for-kids/biographies-for-kids/>

Biographies for kids: <http://www.ducksters.com/biography/>

Biographies for kids: <http://gardenofpraise.com/leaders.htm>

Biographies for kids: <http://mrnussbaum.com/bio2/>

***How to format your Biography Resources:*** <http://martellhomepage.weebly.com/uploads/7/6/7/9/7679755/biblioformat.pdf>

***Scrapbook Page:*** Refer to Ms. Parker’s Plone site to see examples of scrapbook pages you can do.