

Black History Month Research and Bio Poem Project

February is Black History month and in honor of those who have made a difference you are going to create a Bio Poem about an influential figure. This will be an evaluation grade. You will be graded on your research and your poem. Your poem and research will be due Wednesday, February 11th.

Directions for Research:

1. Choose someone from the list provided that you find interesting and want to know more about.
2. Gather information from different sources, both the internet (sites provided) and books.
3. Take notes! Use your Book Fact Finding Sheet/and Internet Fact Finding Sheet to take notes on your topic.
4. Look for information about your person that is important and interesting.
5. Use your information to write a Bio Poem that teaches others about your person.

You may use these approved websites on your teacher's webpage.

www.biography.com

www.enchantedlearning.com

<http://kids.britannica.com/>

Directions for Bio Poem:

1. Once you have gathered all of your research you will write a Bio Poem about your person.
2. Bio Poem guidelines:
 - (Line 1) First Name
 - (Line 2) Three or four adjectives that describe the person
 - (Line 3) Important relationship (daughter of..., father of..., etc.)
 - (Line 4) Two or three things, people, or ideas that the person loved
 - (Line 5) Three feelings the person experienced
 - (Line 6) Three fears the person experienced
 - (Line 7) Accomplishments (Who composed..., who discovered...,etc.)
 - (Line 8) Two or three things the person wanted to see happen or wanted to experience
 - (Line 9) His or her residence
 - (Line 10) Last name
3. Write your Bio Poem on a sheet of notebook paper as a rough draft. For the final copy you may write neat on notebook paper or type the poem.

People who made a difference (choose one):

Martin Luther King Jr.

Barak Obama

Rosa Parks

Frederick Douglass

Sojourner Truth

George Washington Carver

Nelson Mandela

Bessie Coleman

Wilma Rudolph

Louis Armstrong

Jackie Robinson

Harriett Tubman

Ruby Bridges

Booker T. Washington

Barbra Jordan

Dorris Bledsoe

Want to do someone who is not listed? Ask your teacher to get it approved!

Questions?? Ask your teacher!

EXAMPLE BIO POEM TO SHARE

Rosa

Determined, brave, strong, loving

Wife of Raymond Parks, mother of all children

Who loved equality, freedom, and the benefits of a good education

Who hated discrimination, loved to stand up for her beliefs, and loved to help others

Who feared that racism would continue, feared losing the opportunity to make a difference, and feared that young people might lose opportunities to develop strength and courage

Who changed history as she accomplished great strides for equality and encouraged excellence for all

Who wanted to see love triumph and see an end to all bias and discrimination in a world in which respect is freely given to all

Born in Alabama and living in Detroit

Parks

