**Biography Project**

**Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Famous Person\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Our class will be working on a major research project this quarter. This 5-week unit will involve reading and writing biographies, creating artwork and performing for parents and students at a “wax museum.” You will receive a detailed timeline with specific due dates in next week’s Tuesday folder, however, I wanted to make you aware of the major requirements and what will be done at home and at school.

What will be done at school:

* Selection of a famous person to research
* Selection of a book about this person
* Some note-taking and in-class reading
* Some speech writing
* Artwork for front of project
* Backdrop for wax museum
* SOME time to memorize the speech

What will be done at home:

* Creation or selection of a costume for the wax museum
* Further research if class time is not sufficient to meet deadlines
* Further writing if class time is not sufficient to meet deadlines
* Practice speech to know it “by heart”
* Any other work not completed in the time allotted.

Optional things to do at home

* A trip to the public library is often fruitful.
* Brainstorm ideas
* Search the web together for further info
* Additional level “4,” multi-media activities such as Prezis, Wordles, VoiceThreads, etc. You may also check with the teacher if you have other ideas.

Inside the front cover, I will attach a check-off sheet. I will initial this sheet each week letting you know that your child has completed each of the steps of the biography project. That will let you know that he or she is working on pace with the class. If your child falls behind on project items, it will be sent for homework. Please, please, help your child to keep up with all work by storing it in the pocket of the reading log. Work lost late in the game would be catastrophic. I will also send notes in the agenda if need be.

Please feel free to email with questions.

I have read the above hand-out and will offer assistance as needed.

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 I am interested in helping with the wax museum.