

Biography Book Project - Living Wax Museum Project

You will be participating in a living wax museum! This activity requires you to identify significant contributions of a famous or not so famous person. You will get to choose the person to portray, but you must get teacher approval before proceeding with the project. In selecting a person, you should try to find someone of historical significance; someone who has been successful in their goals and dreams; and/or someone who represents the "best" of people and the world. The "living wax museum" is a collection of visual displays where students, dressed as famous individuals, stand at attention, while visitors walk around and tour exhibits illustrating the life of the person represented.

Project Outline

I. Display Board (55 points)

A. Character's Name & Picture/Portrait (10 points)

- Character's name - centered at top of poster, large font
- Portrait of individual centered below the title
- Tri-fold board or poster

B. Vital Statistics-choose at least *four* from the following: (15 points)

- Date and location of birth and death - *mandatory*
- Family (spouse, children, etc.)
- Childhood
- Education
- Hobbies/Passions
- Other important information

C. Major Accomplishments (15 points)

- List and describe this person's major accomplishments
- What was this person's significant contribution to society?
(Why are they famous?)

D. Push to Start Button (5 points)

- Add a "button" to your poster. Guests will press the button in order to have you start saying your oral presentation.

E. Board Presentation (10 points)

- Make display board pleasing to the reader- add an attractive border design and/or other pictures
- Put your name in the lower right hand corner
- Be creative and neat...i.e. measure, write in straight lines, appropriate use of color, eye-catching
- Use proper spelling, grammar & punctuation

II. Presentation (35 points)

A. Costume, Props, Character Portrayal (15 points)

- What do I plan to wear? What props do I need? What poses would be appropriate for my character?

B. Oral Presentation (20 points)

- Make sure you have your oral presentation memorized
- Make sure your oral presentation is between 60-90 seconds long
- Make sure you include all of the information required
- Speak loudly and clearly (practice this part!)

III. Project turned in on time (10 points)

NAME _____

Use this form to help guide your research. Once you have collected all of your facts, put it into a 60-90 second oral presentation. Write it in the "first person" point of view, using "I" instead of "he" or "she".

OUTLINE FOR WAX MUSEUM NOTES

Famous Individual: _____

What he/she is famous for (this must be included in your presentation): _____

Childhood-

-When and where they were born:

-Family life:

-Where they grew up:

-Likes or interests as a child:

-Other important information about their childhood:

Education

-Grade School, high school, college, no education:

Adulthood

-Jobs:

-Married and/or family:

-Where they lived:

Other:

-Highlights of life or career:

-When, where and how this person died (if known):

Other Quick Facts:

Remember, this is just a guide to help you with your presentation. You do not need to include all of the facts listed above, and **you may even find some interesting facts that are not listed that you may want to include in your presentation.**

Your oral presentation should include at least:

1. Three facts about their childhood/early years
2. Three facts about their adult life/later years
3. What they are famous or well known for