Biography Bottle Person

Third Grade Project

As part of the third grade state curriculum, the student will be expected to write a biography and create a bottle person of their Massachusetts person. Students are expected to read 30 minutes each night.

1. Each student must read a biography book appropriate for student’s level. Please send in the book for teacher approval. A biography is a true story of a real person, alive or deceased. A list of famous Massachusetts people are attached. We recently have read a biography in our reading series.

2. After reading the book, student must complete a biography “Bottle Person Report”. There are two parts to the “Bottle Person Report”.

Part One:
1. Collect the following items
   a. Empty plastic two-liter bottle
   b. Cup of sand or dirt
2. Fill the bottle with sand or dirt so it will stand up.
3. Decorate your bottle to represent your famous person

Part Two:
- Students must write 3 paragraphs about the person they read about
- Attached is a graphic organizer to help your child plan his/her writing
- After making a plan, student should write a rough draft and have a parent read the rough draft to make corrections
- Reread, edit and revise the rough draft
- Next, the student will write their final copy. Please make sure final copies are neat, have correct spelling and punctuation and make sense (no typing, please)
- Student will pass in their writing with their bottle person
Address these **Key Questions** in your report

What achievements made your person famous or notable in Massachusetts’ history?
What life experiences or events helped shape this person’s life?
What is the most important achievement we should remember about this person?

Students have 4 weeks to complete this project
- Week 1 - choose and read biography (Mar. 21 - April 1)
- Weeks 2 and 3 - write rough draft and final copy (Mar 28 - April 8)
- Week 4 - create bottle person (April 11-15)

Please see the grading criteria below.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me so I may help you
NO late projects will be accepted!

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**Grading Criteria**

**Bottle Person**
- Creativity 20 points
- Neatness 20 points

**Writing**
- Spelling, punctuation, complete sentences 20 points
- Sentence variety 20 points
- Paragraph form (3 paragraphs) 10 points
- Neatness 10 points
Research Questions for the Famous Massachusetts People Report

Directions: Please answer the following questions in complete sentences.

First Paragraph: Opener and Early Life

1. Which famous Massachusetts person did you decide to study?

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2. Where was this famous Massachusetts person born?

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3. Who were this famous Massachusetts person’s parents? What did his or her parents do for a living?

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4. How many siblings did this famous Massachusetts have? What was their position in the birth order? Did they have a favorite sibling?

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5. As a child what games, hobbies, or pets did they have?


6. Where was this famous Massachusetts person educated? What did they learn / study? What subjects were they especially interested in or good at? Did they have a favorite or special teacher or mentor?


Second Paragraph: Midlife

7. Did this famous Massachusetts person go to college? If so where?


8. Describe the jobs did this famous Massachusetts person did?


9. How did their education and job experience help them in the future?

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10. Who did they marry? When and Where?

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11. Did this famous Massachusetts person have any children? If so how many? Boys or Girls?

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Third Paragraph: Achievements / End of Life

12. What achievements made your person famous or notable in Massachusetts’ history?

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13. What life experiences or events helped shape this person’s life?

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14. When did this famous Massachusetts person retire? What did they do in their retirement?

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15. When, where, and how did this famous Massachusetts person die?

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16. What is the most important achievement we should remember about this person?

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List of Famous Massachusetts People

John Adams 2nd U.S. president, Braintree
John Quincy Adams 6th U.S. president, Braintree
Samuel Adams patriot, Boston
Eli Whitney inventor, Westborough
John Greenleaf Whittier poet, Haverhill
Eli Whitney inventor, Westboro
Jo Dee Messina country singer, Holliston
Jack Albertson actor, Malden
Horatio Alger author, Revere
Susan B. Anthony woman suffragist, Adams
F. Lee Bailey defense attorney, Waltham
Clara Barton American Red Cross founder, Oxford
Leonard Bernstein conductor, Lawrence
Forrest M. Bird inventor, Stoughton
Harold Stephen Black inventor, Leominster
Rachel Fuller Brown inventor, Springfield
William Cullen Bryant poet, editor, Cummington
Luther Burbank horticulturist, Lancaster
George Bush 41st U.S. president, Milton
John Chapman / Johnny Appleseed nurseryman, Leominster
William D. Coolidge inventor, Hudson
John Singleton Copley painter, Boston
E. E. Cummings poet, Cambridge
Bette Davis actress, Lowell
Cecil B. DeMille film director, Ashfield
Emily Dickinson poet, Amherst
Ralph Waldo Emerson philosopher, poet, Boston
Brian Evans singer, Haverhill
Ann Smith Franklin printer, almanac publisher, Boston
Benjamin Franklin statesman, scientist, Boston
Buckminster Fuller architect, educator, Milton
Robert Hutchings Goddard rocketry, Worcester
John Hancock statesman, Braintree
Nathaniel Hawthorne author, Salem
Oliver Wendell Holmes poet, Cambridge
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. jurist, Boston
Winslow Homer painter, Boston
Elias Howe inventor, Spencer
Helen Hunt Jackson writer, Amherst
John F. Kennedy U.S. president, Brookline
Amy Lowell poet, Brookline
Percival Lowell astronomer, Boston
James Russell Lowell poet, Cambridge
Robert Lowell poet, Boston
Horace Mann educator, Franklin
Cotton Mather clergyman, Boston
Sharon Christa McAuliffe teacher, astronaut, Framingham
Samuel F. B. Morse painter, inventor, Charlestown
Leonard Nemoy actor, Boston
Albert Pike pioneer teacher, lawyer, Boston
Edgar Allan Poe writer, Boston
Ella Raines actress, Snoquaimie
Paul Revere silversmith, Revolutionary War figure, Boston
Robert H. Rines inventor, Boston
Dr. Seuss Theodore Geisel author, illustrator, Springfield
Lucy Stone woman suffragist, West Brookfield
Louis Henry Sullivan architect, Boston
Henry David Thoreau author, Concord
Max Tishler inventor, Boston
James McNeill Whistler painter, Lowell
Eli Whitney inventor, Westborough
John Greenleaf Whittier poet, Haverhill
Jo Dee Messina country singer, Holliston
Examples of Bottle People

https://sites.google.com/a/wareham.k12.ma.us/mrs-quimby-third-grade/home/massachusetts-biography-bottle-person-project

The link above has pictures and more information you can view about this exciting project.

I have read and understand the expectations of this biography project. Return this portion to school by _____________. Thank You

Student signature _______________________

Parent Signature _______________________

1st Choice ______________________________

2nd choice ______________________________

I know this project is due on _________________. 