

Biography Book Report

4th grade

Due: _____



In a biography, an author tells the story of someone else's life.

Your assignment: select a biography book about someone that interests you. This person should have qualities that you admire. Books must be approved by _____.

Then complete the following:

1. **Biography Hanger:** Create a biography hanger that depicts what your person looks like and include 3 objects that represent the person you chose. Write an explanation of each object on an index card. Write the explanation in the first person, as if you are the person you read about. You will be presenting these items in your presentation.
2. **Presentation:** Dress up as the person you read about and present a five minute speech discussing the following information. This speech should be given as if you were the person you read about. (Ex. My name is George Washington...) you may use index cards to present during your speech.
 - A. Introduce yourself and give a brief history (date of birth, where you were born, where did you grow up, & family life)
 - B. What are your personality traits?
 - C. What were your major accomplishments, why is there a book written about you?
 - D. What conflicts or obstacles did you face in your life?
 - E. Explain and introduce items on your biography hanger.

Biography Hanger Directions:

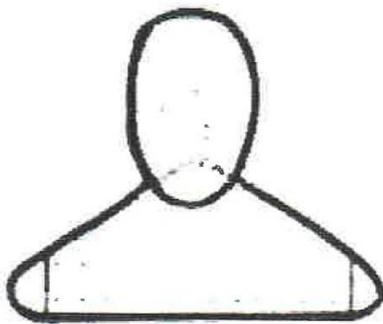
Materials:

1. Wire hanger (thin ones work best)
2. Large piece of construction paper (Provided)
3. Heavy duty tape
4. Scissors
5. Index cards
6. String
7. Hole punch



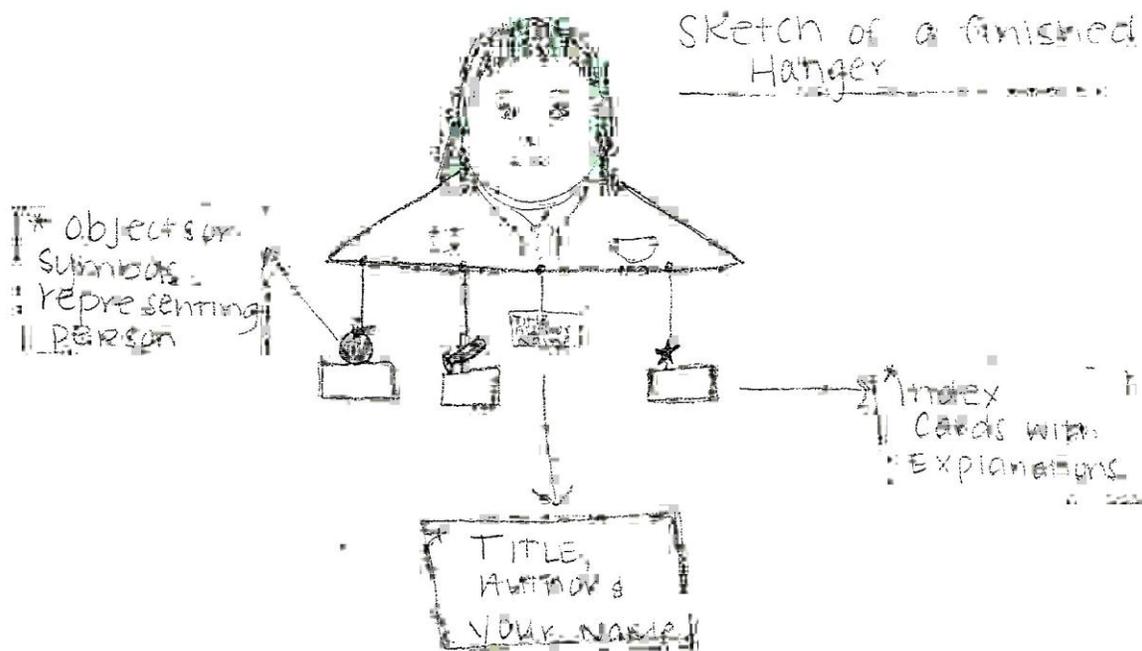
Directions for Assembling:

1. Center a hanger on the large piece of paper construction paper. Be sure the hook extends over the top edge.
2. Fold the paper along the angle to cover the "shoulder" wires.
3. Use tape to secure the paper.
4. Turn the covered hanger over (This piece represents an upper torso.)
5. Cut out a circle or oval about 4 or 5 inches in diameter.
6. Tape the circle onto the top of the hanger. (This piece represents a head.)
7. Decorate or "dress," the piece to resemble a person.



Once Assembled:

1. Write the title, author, and your name on an index card
2. Choose 3 objects or symbols that represent something important about the person you read about. Draw a picture or find a picture of the object and attach it to your hanger with string.
3. For each object you must write an explanation describing why it is important on an index card. Don't just tell what the object is, **EXPLAIN** why it is important! Attach this with string underneath the picture of your object.



Examples of Biography Hangers before the index cards are attached



Name _____

Biography Book Report Notes



While you are reading your biography it is a good idea to record important information from the book. This will help you when you begin writing your presentation.

Keep this sheet close to you when reading to record the following information.

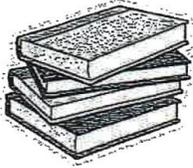
Early Life:

Name of person _____

Date of birth _____

Where did he/she grow up?

What did he/she like to do as a child?



Book Report Presentation



_____ will be presenting

his/her Autobiography/Biography Book Report on

_____. **Please remember to**

bring in your outfit for your presentation. You will be

allowed to change into your costume before your

presentation.

Name: _____

Biography Book Report	Possible Points	Points Earned
Was your book approved on time?	5	
Were you prepared to present on the due date?	5	
Was your presentation clear and easy to understand?	10	
Did you dress as the person you read about?	5	
Was your presentation informative?	25	
Did you include at least 3 thoughtful explanations with the objects on your hanger?	15	
Did you decorate your hanger "person" accurately portraying the subject of the biography, clothing and the time period? Evidence of research on the subject through the clothing, hair style, etc.	10	
Did you include drawings of objects neatly?	5	
Did you include the title, author and your name on the hanger?	5	
Are the spelling, punctuation, and grammar correct on the index cards?	15	
Total Grade	Possible: 100	You earned:

Comments: