

Living History Museum

DUE by Friday, February 14th

Dear Families,

We are very excited to announce that we are embarking on the Living History Museum project. Students will each choose a person to research who has had a positive impact on society. The students will write a biography report, prepare a poster with pictures and captions, and create a speech in which they take on the role of their subject. At Open House your child will dress in character and recite their speech for you, the museum visitors.

The project will be completed over several weeks, and will be structured with defined deadlines to guide students through the process. The students will be given time in class to work on the project, but will also be expected to put in some time outside of school.

This week the students are to complete the first installment of the project, choosing their subject. On this letter you will find a list of suggested subjects, which was also provided to, and reviewed with, the students. Your child may pick someone not on the list, so long as the person has had a *positive impact on society*, and there are suitable books and websites about the person that your child can use to research. Please review the list with your student and discuss potential choices, then have your child complete the form below listing the student's first, second, and third choices.

We are looking forward to revealing the choices of the students and having the opportunity to learn more about the people who fought to make the world a better place for all!

Please fill in your *first*, *second* and *third* choices below:

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

Guide your child to make good choices by viewing the pictures on Seesaw or Google Classroom.

You may view pictures of all of the subjects listed on the back of this page in any of three ways:

1. Go to your parent Seesaw account and you should see a PDF file that you can click on.
2. Go to your child's Seesaw account by going to seesaw.me, click on "I'm a Student," Email/Google Account, Student Sign in with Google. Username is what they use at school: JohnD12345@slusd.us, and password is their birthday like 01012007.
3. Go to classroom.google.com. Log in using the school username and password. Your child should be able to find the Biography Subjects file.

Civil Rights Leaders

Harriet Tubman – Underground Railroad worker
Sojourner Truth – Abolitionist, women’s rights
Frederick Douglass – Abolitionist, orator, author
Susan B. Anthony – Fought for women’s right to vote
Helen Keller – Leader for deaf and blind
Mahatma Gandhi – Non-violence advocate in India
Martin Luther King, Jr. – Led march on Washington
Rosa Parks – Refused to give up seat on bus
Ruby Bridges – Child who integrated school
Nelson Mandela – Fought apartheid in South Africa
Cesar Chavez – United Farm Workers leader

Presidents and First Ladies

George Washington – First President of the U.S.
Abigail Adams – First lady, women’s rights, abolitionist
Thomas Jefferson – 3rd Pres., Declaration of Independence
Abraham Lincoln – President during Civil War
Theodore Roosevelt – 26th President
Franklin Roosevelt – President during World War II
Eleanor Roosevelt – First lady, fought for working women
Barack Obama – 1st African American President
Michelle Obama – First lady

Explorers

Marco Polo – Italian explorer who traded with China
Christopher Columbus – Introduced Americas to Europe
Meriwether Lewis and William Clark – Explored the West
Sacagawea – Interpreter and guide for Lewis and Clark
Amelia Earhart – First woman to fly solo across Atlantic
John Muir – Helped preserve the environment
Neil Armstrong – First man on the moon
Sally Ride – First U.S. woman in space
Mae Jemison – First African American woman astronaut
Ellen Ochoa – First Hispanic woman astronaut

Artists

Michelangelo – Renaissance painter, sculptor
Pablo Picasso – Cubist painter
Diego Rivera – Mexican painter and muralist
Georgia O’Keefe – Artist of flowers, landscapes

Entertainers

Annie Oakley – Sharpshooter
Harry Houdini – Magician, escape artist
Maria Tallchief – American Indian ballerina
Walt Disney – creator of Disneyland, Mickey Mouse
Jim Henson – creator of the Muppets

Athletes

Babe Ruth – Hit 60 home runs in a baseball season
Lou Gehrig – played in 2,130 baseball games in a row
Jesse Owens – Track star of 1936 Olympics
Jackie Robinson – 1st African American baseball player
Wilma Rudolph – Overcame polio to be a track star
Muhammad Ali – Boxer, political activist
Billie Jean King – Tennis champion, activist
Michelle Kwan – Champion figure skater
Mia Hamm – Champion soccer player
Serena Williams – Champion Tennis Player

Authors

William Shakespeare – English playwright
Dr. Seuss – Children’s book author
J. K. Rowling – Harry Potter author

Inventors

Leonardo da Vinci – inventor and artist
Benjamin Franklin – author, scientist, inventor
Charles Darwin – scientist, theory of evolution
Louis Braille – invented braille for the blind
Alexander Graham Bell – invented the telephone
Thomas Edison – invented the lightbulb
Wilbur and Orville Wright – flew the first plane
Henry Ford – automaker
George Washington Carver – peanut products
Albert Einstein – scientist, theory of relativity
Marie Curie – discovered radium
Steve Jobs – Apple Computer, iPhone, iPad
Bill Gates – Microsoft, Windows

Musicians

Ludwig van Beethoven – Classical composer, pianist
Wolfgang Mozart – Classical composer, pianist
Louis Armstrong – Jazz singer, trumpet player
Elvis Presley – Rock and roll singer, dancer
The Beatles – Rock and roll singing group
Michael Jackson – Pop singer, dancer

More Historical Figures

King Tut – Egyptian boy king
Pocahontas – Indian who joined English society
Paul Revere – Patriot who warned of British invasion
Sitting Bull – American Indian chief
Queen Liliuokalani – last Hawaiian ruler
Anne Frank – girl who wrote of German occupation
Sandra Day O’Connor – first woman on Supreme Court
Sonia Sotomayor – first Latina Supreme Court justice