

# **BIOGRAPHY Project: HISTORICAL NEWSPAPER**

During the course of this school year, through this Biography Project, you have been researching and completing assignments based on a particular person in history. Through this final combined project, you will be looking at the time period in which that person lived.

You will be responsible for developing a newspaper set in the time period of your individual. Every article does not need to include your chosen person. However, each article must pertain to the appropriate time period, and your individual should be mentioned at least once somewhere in your newspaper.

Your newspaper should be typed, on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, and be printed front to back. Make sure to use bolding and font changes throughout your newspaper for Headlines and regular type. Make sure to LOOK at newspapers to get an idea of what your format should look like!

This newspaper will take planning, researching, and time for writing. **You will be graded on several criteria: formatting, content, grammar, and historical accuracy. You will also need to make sure that you follow the checklist, and include everything required in your newspaper.**

This is your time to use your creativity!! Make sure you research, and understand your time period, but you may make up any or all of your articles as long as they are appropriate in content and also to the time period in which your person lived, or lives.

\*\* On the following page, you will find a **checklist** for your newspaper, along with a more detailed description of what is required of each article or section in your newspaper.

# **Biography Project:**

## **HISTORICAL NEWSPAPER CHECKLIST**

Use to organize your project and make sure you have covered everything required.

- Your newspaper has a name
- Your newspaper has a date-within a 10 year timeframe of your individual
- Your newspaper is typed and in a correct newspaper format (it looks like a newspaper)
- Pages in your newspaper are numbered
- Page numbers of each required article or section is listed on rubric

**Your newspaper MUST include the following:**

- 1 local article-local issue that your individual or persons in that time would be facing
- 1 world article-a world event which occurred or would have occurred at the time your person was alive
- 1 political article-a political issue/topic that was happening or could have happened at the time
- 1 economic article-an economic issue which happened or could have happened at the time
- 1 society page-announcements (birth, wedding), local gatherings, celebrations
- 1 sports page-featuring a sport that would have been popular at the time
- 1 editorial-about your individual (Should \_\_\_ be considered a hero of our time?)
- 1 obituary- eulogize someone, talk about their life, family, accomplishments (this is not a death notice)
- 2 Ads-featuring products from that time period
- 4 pictures-these should accompany articles or sections

**Please select at least 4 of the following:**

- 1 political cartoon-should include one or more political figures or countries, etc. from the time of your individual
- 1 regular cartoon-should include your person or an aspect of life during the time of your individual
- 1 travel section-featuring somewhere people would have traveled to during your time period
- "Dear Abby" with at least 2 letters-issues should be appropriate for the period of time
- 1 review- this could be of a book, movie, music (or possibly a myth or story is from ancient times)
- 1 weather report/forecast-should be about the region where your individual lived or lives
- 1 (appropriate) personal ads section with at least 2 entries

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

## **Biography Project: HISTORICAL NEWSPAPER GRADING RUBRIC**

**Planning:** An outline/rough format of your newspaper (can be handwritten, must include titles of articles and how newspaper will be formatted. Articles do not need to be finished)

**Final:** Typed, formatted, final copy of newspaper

**Rubric: Turn in this sheet along with your newspaper!**

### **General Considerations (20 points)**

- \_\_\_\_ (5) formatting, physical appeal
- \_\_\_\_ (5) appropriateness of content
- \_\_\_\_ (5) grammatical accuracy
- \_\_\_\_ (5) historical accuracy

**Required Content (60 points)** Your newspaper must include everything from the following list (list page number beside each article listing below!)

- \_\_\_\_ (6) 1 local article
- \_\_\_\_ (6) 1 world article
- \_\_\_\_ (6) 1 political article
- \_\_\_\_ (6) 1 economic article
- \_\_\_\_ (6) 1 society page
- \_\_\_\_ (6) 1 sports page
- \_\_\_\_ (6) 1 editorial
- \_\_\_\_ (6) 1 obituary
- \_\_\_\_ (6) 2 advertisements
- \_\_\_\_ (6) 4 pictures

**Additional Content (20 points)** You must choose 4 from the following list to also include in your newspaper. (list page number!) (5 points each)

- \_\_\_\_ 1 political cartoon
- \_\_\_\_ 1 regular cartoon
- \_\_\_\_ 1 travel section
- \_\_\_\_ 1 "Dear Abby" with 2 letters
- \_\_\_\_ 1 Review (book, movie, music)
- \_\_\_\_ 1 Weather report/forecast
- \_\_\_\_ 1 (appropriate) personal ad page with at least 2 entries

Score \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_