

## Biography Book Project Guidelines

Dear Student,

I am pleased to present this month's book project, a Biography Quadrama. I hope that you enjoy working on this project as much as I enjoyed finding resources to help you be creative in you thinking, writing and presenting.

**What You Will Read:** This month you will read a biography (a story of a real person's life written by another person) about an individual from history, or who is currently living.

Knowing about people's lives enriches our understanding and appreciation of people who have shown sacrifice, citizenship, perseverance, courage and responsibility. You may want to think about learning more about the life of Presidents, Sports Hero, Spiritual/Moral Leaders, Teachers, Inventors, Artists, etc.

**What You Will Do:** Once you have read your book you will complete the Biography Report Sheet (see attached worksheet). You will then create a quadrama/triarama (idea adapted from <http://www.teachnet.com/lesson/langarts/foldedbkrpts071599.html>). Quadramas are four triaramas put together. Triaramas are made from 9" square construction paper (refer to the website listed for detailed instructions). Using descriptions from your biography worksheet color and cut out character(s) leaving a tab to fold back and glue these in so the characters and background are all standing (see below). Then attach the triaramas together, it should look like a pyramid.

**What You Will Need:** Construction paper, markers, crayons, scissors, glue.

**Book Requirements:** Students should select a non-fiction text. **Minimum page count 75 pages, unless arrangements have been made in advance.** The classroom has a large volume of new and older biographies for check out. If you are looking for titles to purchase, or simply want to locate a title with bibliographic information the following websites may be helpful:

[http://formulus.com/booksyes/books/BIOGRAP HIES\\_FOR\\_YOUNG\\_READERS\\_.html](http://formulus.com/booksyes/books/BIOGRAP HIES_FOR_YOUNG_READERS_.html)

**Oral Presentation:** All students will give an oral presentation the week of March 3-6. Students will need to introduce the book and briefly talk about the author. The type of book (its genre). Students will then present their project making certain that their quadrama depicts a scene using descriptions from your biography worksheet such as description of the person, the kind of spirit they showed, etc.

**Project Due Date:** Friday, February 29, 2008 (please note the change from original date).

Quadramas



Quadramas are four triaramas put together. Triaramas are made from 9" square construction paper. Fold diagonally twice. Open. There should be an X fold pattern on the paper. Cut from one corner to the middle on a fold line. Overlap the bottom triangles and glue or staple. Background should be drawn on the top two triangles before gluing. Then decorate like you would make a diorama--scenes from the book. Glue 4 triaramas together in order. It will then stand nicely on the table for display.

Triaramas

