

Name: _____

Biography Contract September 16th-October 14th

Biography Title: _____

Author: _____

Assignment 1 Due Wednesday, September 28th	Assignment 2 due Friday, October 14 th
What did you already know about this person that made you want to read a biography about them? In other words, if you chose this book specifically, why did you choose it? Paragraph form (no more than three paragraphs) ; typed, double spaced.	Bio Riddle Create a poem/riddle that describes your person without revealing his or her name. Your bio riddle should be between 10-20 lines long and should be typed. For an example, see Ms. Dawson's Cleopatra poem in the classroom.

Scrapbook Project

You will need 5 pieces of 12 x 12 cardstock for this book. Walmart sells a pack for around \$5 that you can easily share with two or three friends. If you do not bring your own cardstock, you'll be "stuck" with whatever colors Ms. Dawson has. Cardstock can also be found at Michael's, Beverly's or any other craft type store in the scrapbooking section. Cardstock is heavy, like poster board. Regular scrapbooking paper won't work. No other purchase is *required*.

We will have 5 in class workdays for you to work on the scrapbook pages. You are responsible for bringing all necessary materials (for example, typed words, special stickers or borders, images) to class each day. No 3-D objects may be used on the scrapbook pages. The in class work days are;

Tuesday, September 27th

Thursday, September 29th

October 4th

October 7th

October 11th

You will most likely be unable to finish your page on these in class days unless you are super prepared. These days are being given to you so that you do not have so much extra work to do on school nights or weekends. Please use this time appropriately. If you are unable to work on any of the days, you will be given a supplemental assignment to complete.

Pay close attention to the due dates. Each scrapbook page will be worth 20 points. A scrapbook page worth 20 points shows neatness, creativity, and effort. It addresses the criteria in the chart and doesn't contain 3-D objects. Make sure to check your spelling and grammar!

Page Number	Page Description	Due Date
1	Trading Card Page. This page should include statistics about your person, an image of your person, a brief (no more than 2 paragraph) summary of your book.	9/30
2	Timeline of Your Person's Life. Include at least 8 dates/events about your person including their birth and if they are no longer living, their death. Describe the major accomplishments of this person. What did he/she do well? What failures or obstacles did he/she encounter? What exactly did this person do that made him/her famous?	10/7
3	Time of My Life Page. You will need to do research to find out the time period in which your person was alive. You will need to find an famous book or author or their time; an invention or discovery of their time; a famous artist or composer of their time; another famous person who lived when they did; and an important social issue or historical event of their time. A good resource to use is http://www.historychannel.com and you can look for a time line based on century or decade to search for important events.	10/7
4	Oh You Kid! What do we know about your person as a child? Tell about the influences in this person's early life that developed his/her personality and character. What were this person's talents? What were some experiences that might have foreshadowed that this person would become successful and/or famous?	10/14
5	<p>If you could meet this person today, what two important questions would you like to ask him/her? How do you think he/she would answer each question?</p> <p>Design an award certificate that could be given to your person to show what they have done that has been worthwhile. Include things that would be significant to the person's achievement. For example, if I was designing a medal for Brian from Hatchet, I would include on it a plane, a hatchet, a host of mosquitoes. I would use blues, greens and blacks to indicate the lake, the forest and the loneliness and despair of the time alone. This would all be explained in the certificate. The certificate would say something like, <i>"This medal is presented to Brian for the courage to survive in the wilderness despite hardships. The shape represents the plane Brian was in when it crashed. The blue of the tail represents the lake where he was able to land the plane. Etc."</i></p>	10/14

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____