

The Role of the Individual

Your task is to complete a project on a famous black person as part of our unit on the Black People of the Americas. What do we mean by a "black person"? It is anyone whose family originates from the continent of Africa. An example is Michael Jackson – although he was born and lives in America, his family is from Africa.



You can choose any black person - a politician, filmstar, sports person, actor, TV personality, civil rights leader, writer or poet ... Their nationality is unimportant so long as they have African origins.

Research can be completed using the Internet (the following websites are good starting points: seattletimes.nwsources.com/mlk/index.html, www.blackhistory.eb.com, www.toptags.com/aama/index.htm, www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/USAcivilrights.htm, www.bbc.co.uk, lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/aohtml/exhibit/aointro.html, and www.fordham.edu/halsall)

Magazines, Encarta Encyclopaedia, and Autobiographies. However you must not copy large pieces of text from them.

A good project will include:

- A title page
- An introductory page providing the background of the black person's life. (E.g. where they were born, when, where did they grow up and go to school, have they any brothers/sisters...)
- A section answering the question: How did they become famous?
- Details of their present life (if alive) that makes them remain famous.
- A section answering: What do you like about them? Is there anything that makes you want to be like them?
- Finally, a list of your sources should be written at the end.

You may include illustrations, photos and of course word-process it, if possible.

Remember quality NOT quantity, and in your own words.

You may also be asked to complete an oral account of your individual to your class at this lesson.

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