

Pillars of Courage: Famous African American

Objective: Research a famous African American and gather information to create a timeline and present an oral report highlighting **key** events in their lives.

Assigned: January 11, 2010

Due: February 2, 2010

Book: Choose a brief, children's biography of a famous African American. **Read** your book and gather your information. You must get your information from a book, **not** from an encyclopedia or the internet. I will have some books in the classroom for your use. I must approve the book by January 18.

Timeline: The actual timeline will be done in class. Your job is to find information about your person's life. Using index cards take notes on 10 key events in their life. **Put one fact on each card.**

The timeline only has room for 10 events so you only need 10 cards.

You must have the dates for these events (just a year is fine) you must include their date of birth and date of death (unless still living)

For example: February 17, 1963 -Michael Jordan was born in Brooklyn, New York.

Photo:

Find a photo or drawing of your individual. Copy it (in color if possible). I can make a copy for you, but **I will not do this on the day the report is due!** The photo should be approximately 5 inches by 5 inches (a little larger than an index card).

You will be graded on the following scale:

Information: 35 pts.

Neatness/quality of work: 15 pts.

Total Project 50 points

Pillars of Courage Oral Report:

Objective: Present a 3-4 minute oral report given from your person's point of view and dressed as your person.

Due: Week of Feb. 15-19 (you will be given a specific date later)

Presentation:

Dressed as your character

Books or other items on display

Note Cards used (use as a guideline, not to be read from)

Report given from the remarkable person's point of view

Eye Contact

Effective Voice (can you be heard? do you change the tone of your voice to show emotion?)

Good Posture

Evidence of Practice

Content:

Beginning-("Catch your audience")-Did you know I broke a world record in swimming?

Middle- Key events, interesting facts

Ending- Summary

Ask for Questions and give answers

You will be graded on the following scale:

Presentation: **25** pts.

Content: **25** pts.

Total Project: 50 points