

Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Book due on Monday, January 13th

\*Report and costume due Monday, February 10th

\*Presentations will take place between February 10th and 13th

\*Wax Museum on Friday, Feb. 14th, 9:10 - 9:40 Parents invited!

Parent Initials \_\_\_\_\_

# The Notable American Project!

A Notable American is a person who has made important contributions to our country. You will become an expert on the life of your Notable American by following these simple steps. You will be given some class time for reading, but this is mostly a project to work on at home.

1. Choose a biography that is at your independent reading level. There are many fantastic biographies that are approximately 80 pages long. Check the South School library and the Hingham Public Library, or a bookstore.
2. Show your biography book to your teacher by Monday, January 13th.
3. As you read the biography, take notes in the note packet.
4. Use the notes from your note packet to write a 5 paragraph report about the life of your Notable American from his or her perspective. For example, if your Notable American is Henry Ford, you will write about how you invented the Model T car. A rubric will be provided for guidance.

5. Choose clothing and accessories you have at home to make a simple costume/outfit which might have been worn by your Notable American, and add one artifact to hold. The artifact is one item which is symbolic of the Notable American's life. For example, the artifact for Amelia Earhart could be a toy airplane.
6. Make a short oral presentation to your class to teach them about your Notable American, staying in character.
7. Invite your parents to come to school on February 14th to see a wax museum of Notable Americans!

As we discussed in class, do not choose an athlete or an entertainer for this project. Instead, choose a Notable American you would like to learn more about. See the attached list of Notable Americans for inspiration!

Check the fifth grade website for some photos of this project!

Pace yourself and enjoy the project. We can't wait to learn from you!