**Unit 4 Biography Project**

A **biography** is an account of someone’s life written by someone other than that person. You are going to include more than just basic facts in your project. You are going to choose an author who was either a transcendentalist or a fireside writer.

The websites linked on the 4.01 Task page will be very helpful to you in being successful in the completion of this project.

**Step #1 - Lesson 4.01: 6 points**

Choose a famous transcendentalist or fireside writer. Think about that person. Write down questions you have about him or her.

* What did he do? Why is she famous?
* How has he made an impact on the world today?
* Who had an influence on this person? In what ways was that person an influence?
* What is a strong belief or code that this person lived by? Were there times when the code or belief was challenged or impossible to follow?
* What single quality about this person was most influential in shaping the way this person lived and influenced his or her times? What did this person do or say that best shows this quality?

You will submit your choice to **4.01 Biography Subject Dropbox**.

**Step #2 - Lesson 4.02:** **14 points**

Research this person. Find answers to your questions and/or the questions above. Write down where you retrieved the information. Find as many articles, books, and/or internet sites about the person.

Read and take notes. You need to know about the person you are researching. Write down facts as you find them. Make sure to document where you received the information.

You will submit this to **4.02 Biography Notes Dropbox**.

Article

Title:

Author:

Name of Magazine of Newspaper:

Volume #:

Issue #:

Date article Published:

Page #s of article:

Name of database:

**Information about your source:**

Book

Author:

Last name, First name

Title:

Place of Publication:

Name of Publisher:

Year of publication:

**Step #3 - Lesson 4.03**: **15 points**

Create three diary entries from different periods in that person’s life. You are writing this in first person point of view pretending that you are that author.

You will submit your diary entries to **4.03 Biography Diary Dropbox**.

**Step #4 - Lesson 4.04: 10 points**

Find an important poem that he or she has written and explicate it using the TP-CASTT method.

You will submit your choice to the **4.04 Poetry Analysis Dropbox**.

**Step #5 - Lesson 4.06: 10 points**

Create a Bio Poem. You will submit your bio poem to **4.06 Bio Poem Dropbox**.

(LINE 1) First Name

(LINE 2) Three or four adjectives that describe this person

(LINE 3) Important Title/Relationships (daughter of…mother of…leader of…dictator of…)

(LINE 4) Two or three things, people or ideas the person loved

(LINE 5) Three feelings the person experienced

(LINE 6) Three fears the person experienced

(LINE 7) Accomplishments made or trouble created (who composed…who discovered…who tormented…)

(LINE 8) Two or three things the person wanted to see happen or wanted to experience as part of his/her envisioned future

(LINE 9) His her residence

(LINE 10) Last Name

**BIO POEM EXAMPLE** (which you may not use)

ROSA

Determined, brave, strong, loving

Wife of Raymond Parks, mother of all children

Who loved equality, freedom, and the benefits of a good education

Who hated discrimination, loved to stand up for her beliefs, and loved to help others

Who feared racism would continue, feared losing the opportunity to make a difference, and feared that young people

might lose opportunities to develop strength and courage

Who changed history as she accomplished great strides in building equality and cultivating opportunity for all

Who wanted to see love triumph and see an end to all bias and discrimination in a world where freedom reigns

Born in Alabama, living in Detroit

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**Step #6: Lesson 4.10 50 points**

Create a five paragraph essay about your person. You should incorporate part of your critique from the poem’s TP-CASTT as well as the information from the articles you found. Cite your sources on the last page.

Save your work in a Word document. You will submit the poem, journal entries, and essay, along with the cited sources, to the **Unit 4 Biography Project Dropbox**.