

Shaping Our Nation: Important Americans

In Chapter 2 of Social Studies, Americans and their History, we will be learning about important men and women who have shaped American history.

Task: Your task is to create a video presentation about an important American who shaped our nation. You will research a person from American History and learn how he or she helped to shape America. Choose someone you want to learn more about. This project's grade will count towards Social Studies and Oral & Written Communication grade.

Due Date: October 16, 2024

Tasks
<p>1. Think and Plan</p> <p>Think about a certain American from history who has made a positive contribution to our country. Choose someone and write how he or she shaped history. Use the link below to submit your response.</p> <p>Due Oct 3, 2025 (Link posted in Google Classroom as an Assignment) 5 points (Daniel/ Chang) https://forms.gle/XXdDaodtMfSPLoBM9 (Robinson/ Trippe) https://forms.gle/bv1qeyagtsctYAM67</p> <p>Please submit your person on the correct form.</p>
<p>2. Research</p> <p>Find key facts about your chosen individual in books and on trusted websites.</p> <p>Suggested Websites https://www.ducksters.com/biography/ https://www.kiddle.co/</p>
<p>3. Prepare Your Backdrop</p> <p>Create a backdrop for your presentation to stand in front of. Your backdrop could include a few key facts about your important American. Use colors, images and information that would encourage visitors to want to learn more.</p>
<p>4. Write Your Speech</p> <p>Based on your research, write a short speech about your important American. It should highlight what he or she did to help shape our nation. You can memorize your speech or you can write it down on index cards.</p>

5. Gather Your Props

You will need to dress like your important American. Look at pictures of the person and/or time period so that you can find clothing and other props to look like your person. Be creative!

6. Record Your Presentation and Submit **Due October 16, 2025**

Record your presentation. Your presentation should be no more than 3 minutes long. Once finished, upload your presentation in Google Classroom to the assignment posted.

The assignment to submit the presentation will open on October 10, 2025.

If you are having trouble uploading your video, please send me an email. In the subject line write "Shaping Our Nation: Important Americans Project."

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Use the checklist below to ensure that you have included everything in your presentation.

Checklist/Rubric	Points
I included key facts and other information about the American I chose. I explained how this American helped bring a positive change in the United States.	10
My presentation was well organized and easy to follow.	5
I used a backdrop, costume, and props to make my presentation more interesting and informative.	15
I spoke loudly and clearly so people could hear what I was saying.	5
I answered questions asked by others during or following my presentation	5
Total Points	40