

Black American Bio Report



During the month of February, we honor Black Americans for their accomplishments and contributions. What character traits are demonstrated by these individuals who have had such a positive impact on others? To find out, you'll be researching a Black American and writing a short report in the form of a character analysis. You'll choose one Black American, past or present, whom you admire. Then you'll research facts about his or her life experiences and accomplishments. You'll use this information to write a short report organized around his or her character traits. Following the steps below will ensure a dynamite report!

Step 1: Select a Black American

Brainstorm a list of Black Americans you admire. They may be living now or have lived long ago. You may have to do a little research before you can make your selection. Then choose one person as the focus of your paper.

Step 2: Research and Record Facts

Research this person using a variety of resources. Begin by recording basic background information about your person. Continue your research until you have listed at least 8 to 10 accomplishments or important life experiences that demonstrate that person's character.

Step 3: Select Character Traits

Think about the person's accomplishments and important life experiences. What traits describe this person? Refer to the Character Traits list and select three traits that are supported by your research.

Step 4: Organize Ideas

Organize your ideas before writing. Write your three character traits, and under each one record the details that support your selections.

Step 5: Write the Report

Write an essay using the information from your research. Start with an introduction followed by at least three paragraphs, one paragraph per character trait. Conclude with a brief paragraph that offers a personal connection or a reflection on that person's accomplishments and/or impact on others' lives. Revise your first draft and write your final copy.

Important! This assignment is due _____. Be sure to turn in your graphic organizer along with your final paper.