

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Wax Museum Project

**Finally! The moment you have been waiting for: The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Live Wax Museum!!! Each of you will choose a person who has made positive contributions to history in order to do an awesome, exciting wax museum project!! Here are your expectations:**

- ❖ Choose an historical figure and read a biography book about him/her.
- ❖ Create a tri-fold poster report which will also serve as a backdrop.
- ❖ Prepare an informational speech that you will present to the class and at the wax museum.
- ❖ Dress up as your character for the wax museum.

This packet includes:

1. Project checklist/rubric
2. Tri-fold poster report instruction sheet
3. Notes sheet for the poster
4. Speech presentation instructions
5. Directions for locating biographies online and for World Book (for more research)
6. Speaking tips
7. Your character choices and parent signature sheet
8. List of character choices (with biographies in the Media Center)

**Don't forget to select your top five character choices by \_\_\_\_\_.**

The list has the 'best picks' for information, quality and interest. However, you may choose any character that we have a biography for in the Wattles Media Center (links to locate the biographies online are found on the Wattles Fourth Grade Website in the Language Arts tab). If you do not choose a character from the list attached, you will need teacher approval. There will only be 1 character per student in each fourth grade class, so that we can learn about many historical figures and their contributions to society. Once you have received your character's name, you will need to **begin to read ASAP!!**

**The tri-fold poster report and oral presentation are due promptly on \_\_\_\_\_.**

You may use note cards for your presentation, however, the more you practice, the more you know it, and the more confident you will be! Make sure you practice it at least three times in front of an audience (mom, dad, sister, brother, stuffed animals, your pet....☺).

**The Wattles Fourth Grade Wax Museum will take place on \_\_\_\_\_** in the Wattles Gym and surrounding hallway (Don't worry parents, we will send a note home about the times :) You will dress up as your character and pose by your poster as parents and other classes come in to see your character. You will have a button that "activates" the information about your character. Then you will step out of your pose to present your information to them. When you are done telling them all about your character, you will return to your **frozen** position.

Parents, thank you for your encouragement, support, and for helping to make your child's project successful!!

**Sincerely,**

**Mrs. Clemence, Mrs. Phillips, and Mrs. Zavich**

**Wax Museum**  
(EXAMPLE POSTER)

<p><b>Childhood</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><small>(3 numbered or bulleted facts. Could be one of the following: When and where were they born? What was their family like? What did this person learn or learn to grow up? Anything else you would like to add about their childhood?)</small></p>	<p><b>Person's Name</b></p> <p>By: <u>Your Name</u> (largest font)</p> <hr/> <p><small>Pictures of your famous person. Pick at least 2, but you may have more!</small></p>	<p><b>Later Years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><small>(3 numbered or bulleted facts. Could be one of the following: What was this person's main accomplishment? How has this person's accomplishment affected the world? Anything else you would like to add about their later years.)</small></p>
<p><b>Middle Years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><small>(3 numbered or bulleted facts. Could be one of the following: What failures or struggles did this person have before he/she was successful. Accomplishments or anything else you would like to add about their middle years.)</small></p>	<p><b>Timeline</b></p> <p><small>You must include at least 5 major events of your person's life and label them with a date. This is the only portion that may be handwritten</small></p>	<p><b>Interesting Facts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><small>(3 numbered or bulleted facts of interesting facts about your person. Could be awards or achievements or any other interesting fact)</small></p>

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## Project Expectations/Rubric

**Use the following checklist to make sure you fulfill all of the requirements.**

Check these items off as you finish them:

\_\_\_\_\_ I chose a person for my Wax Museum project.

\_\_\_\_\_ I read at least one complete book about my person.

\_\_\_\_\_ I took notes, while I was reading, about my person.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a tri-fold poster to use for my project.

\_\_\_\_\_ I put a title on my poster.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have 3 facts about my person's childhood.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have 3 facts about my person's middle years.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have 3 facts about my person's later years.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have 3 interesting facts I learned.

\_\_\_\_\_ Each section of my poster has a title.

\_\_\_\_\_ My poster is illustrated with pictures.

\_\_\_\_\_ My poster has a timeline.

\_\_\_\_\_ I practiced my speech presentation in front of someone at least 3 times.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a costume prepared for the live Wax Museum presentation.

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## Notes for Tri-fold Poster Report

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Name of your character

### **Early Childhood**

(Information like when and where were they born, what their family was like, what the person learned as they were growing up, or any other important early childhood facts go here.)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Middle Years**

(Information like failures or struggles this person had before he/she was successful, accomplishments or anything else you would like to add about their middle years).

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **Later Years**

(Information like their main accomplishment, accomplishments that affected the world or anything else you would like to add about their later years).

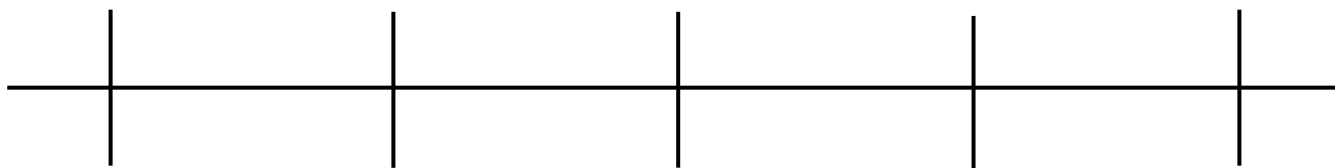
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Notes for Tri-fold Poster Report (Page 2)

### **Interesting Facts**

(Information like awards, achievements or any other facts that are not listed in any other area).

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### **Timeline Notes**

(list important events and dates for your character)

**Date**

**Important Event**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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## Speech notes and Instructions

**This is an example presentation. You need to include facts from your character. Make your presentation interesting for your audience.**

Hello, my name is George Washington. Yes, THE George Washington. I was born on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Westmoreland County, Virginia. I am famous and important because I was the first president of the United States of America. Something interesting about my life is I was the only president to be elected unanimously. I would like to be remembered as a hard worker and someone who is principled (that means do what is right). Did you know...I never had wooden teeth? Thank you very much and have a nice day :D

**Write your information speech on the lines below. Your speech should be 30-60 seconds long. (You may use note cards when you present, but you must practice and be prepared).**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_

I was born on \_\_\_\_\_ date),

in \_\_\_\_\_(location). I am famous (or important)

because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Something

interesting about my life is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_I would like to be remembered as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Did you know.....\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_Thank you and have a nice day.

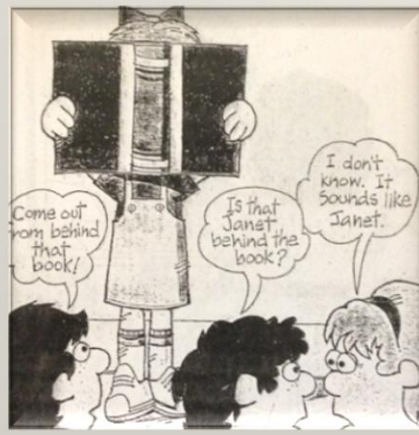
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## Public Speaking Tips



### Speaking Tip #1:

Practice your speech ahead of time in front of a mirror!



### Speaking Tip #2:

Make sure your listeners can see your face.



### Speaking Tip #3:

Look up from your page and your listeners as often as you can.



### Speaking Tip #4:

Speak loudly & clearly so that everyone can hear you.



### Speaking Tip #5:

Read the words the way you talk so that you sound natural.



### Speaking Tip #6:

If you lose your place while speaking, don't panic!!

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## Character Choices and Parent Signature

I realize that (child's name) \_\_\_\_\_ has to:

- read a biography
- create a tri-fold poster report
- prepare a 30-60 second informational speech on the life of that character
- dress up as their character and participate in the live Wax Museum

Character Choice and parent signature (this sheet) due: \_\_\_\_\_.

Tri-fold Poster report is due \_\_\_\_\_.

The live Wax Museum is on \_\_\_\_\_.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

My child's top 5 choices from the biography list are as follows:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Biography List

Adams, Samuel	Ford, Henry	Lincoln, Abraham	Roosevelt, Eleanor
Aldrin, Buzz	Ford, Henry	Lincoln, Abraham	Roosevelt, Eleanor
Anderson, Hans Christian	Frank, Anne	Lincoln, Abraham	Roosevelt, Franklin
Anning, Mary	Frank, Anne	Lincoln, Abraham	Roosevelt, Machel
Armstrong, Neil	Frank, Anne	Lincoln, Abraham	Roosevelt, Teddy
Armstrong, Neil	Franklin, Benjamin	Madison, Dolley	Roosevelt, Teddy
Bach, Johann Sebastian	Franklin, Benjamin	Madison, Dolley	Ross, Betsy
Bach, Johann Sebastian	Gehrig, Lou	Magellan, Ferdinand	Rowling, J. K.
Barton, Clara	Goodall , Jane	Mandela, Nelson	Rudolph, Wilma
Barton, Clara	Goodall , Jane	Mandela, Nelson	Rudolph, Wilma
Beatles, The	Goodall, Jane	Marshall, Thurgood	Ruth, Babe
Bentley, Wilson	Gretzky, Wayne	Mcauliffe, Christa	Sacagawea
Bigmama	Hale, Nathan	McCoy, Elijah	Sacagawea
Blackwell, Elizabeth	Handel, George	McCoy, Elijah	Sasaki, Sadako
Boone, Daniel	Harrison, John	Mitchell, Jackie	Schliemann, Neinrich
Braille, Louis	Hatshepsut	Morris, Esther	Shakespeare, William
Bridges, Ruby	Henry, Patrick	Morse, Samuel	Shakespeare, William
Bridges, Ruby	Houdini, Harry	Mozart, Wolfgang	Shelley, Kate
Bryant, Kobe	Houdini, Harry	Muir, John	Sitting Bull
Carson, Rachel	Howard, Luke	Nightingale, Florence	Sitting Bull
Carson, Rachel	Huarta, Diana/Wales	Oakley, Annie	Stanton, Elizabeth Cady
Carson, Rachel	Hughes, Langston	O'Keeffe, Georgia	Stanton, Elizabeth Cady
Carver, George Washington	Humanitairians	Owens, Jesse	Strauss, Levi
Cleopatra	Hurston, Zora	Paige, Satchel	Taggart, Brian
Coleman, Bessie	Jackson, Andrew	Paige, Satchel	Tallchief, Maria
Coleman, Bessie	Jefferson, Thomas	Parks, Rosa	Tenzing Norgay
Coleman, Bessie	Jefferson, Thomas	Parks, Rosa	Teresa, Mother
Columbus, Christopher	Jefferson, Thomas	Parks, Rosa	Teresa, Mother
Columbus, Christopher	Katsushika, Hokusai	Parks, Rosa	Teresa, Mother
Crockett, Davy	Keller, Helen	Parks, Rosa	Thorpe, Jim
Crockett, Davy	Keller, Helen	Patch, Sam	Truth, Sojourner
Crockett, Davy	Keller, Helen	Petit, Phillippe	Tubman, Harriet
Crockett, Davy	Keller, Teresa	Pocahontas	Tubman, Harriet
Curie, Marie	Kennedy, Jacqueline	Polo, Marco	Tubman, Harriet
da Vinci, Leonardo	Kennedy, John F.	Potter, Beatrix	Tutankhamun
Darwin,Charles	Kennedy, John F.	Potter, Beatrix	Tutankhamun
Darwin,Charles	King, Martin Luther, Jr.	Presley, Elvis	Tutankhamun
Disney, Walt	King, Martin Luther, Jr.	Prisbrey, Grandma	Tutankhamun
Earhart, Amelia	King, Martin Luther, Jr.	Reagan, Ronald	Twain, Mark
Earhart, Amelia	Kingsley, Mary	Reagan, Ronald	van Gogh, Vincent
Ederle, Gertrude	Kwan, Michelle	Revere, Paul	Washington, George
Edison, Thomas	Lewis and Clark	Revere, Paul	Washington, George
Edison, Thomas	Lewis, Meriweather and	Revere, Paul	Wilder, Laura Ingalls
Edison, Thomas	Clark, William	Revere, Paul	Wood, Grant
Edison, Thomas	Lewis, Meriweather and Clark,	Ride, Sally	Wright, Orville and Wilbur
Einstein, Albert	William	Robinson, Jackie	Wright, Orville and Wilbur
Einstein, Albert	Lincoln, Abraham	Robinson, Jackie	Wright, Orville and Wilbur
Einstein, Albert	Lincoln, Abraham	Robinson, Jackie	
Eisenhower, Dwight David	Lincoln, Abraham	Roosevelt, Alice	
Elizabeth, Queen	Lincoln, Abraham	Roosevelt, Eleanor	
Eratosthenes	Lincoln, Abraham		
Farnsworth, Philo	Lincoln, Abraham		

Some characters are listed more than once because there is more than one book about them in the media center.