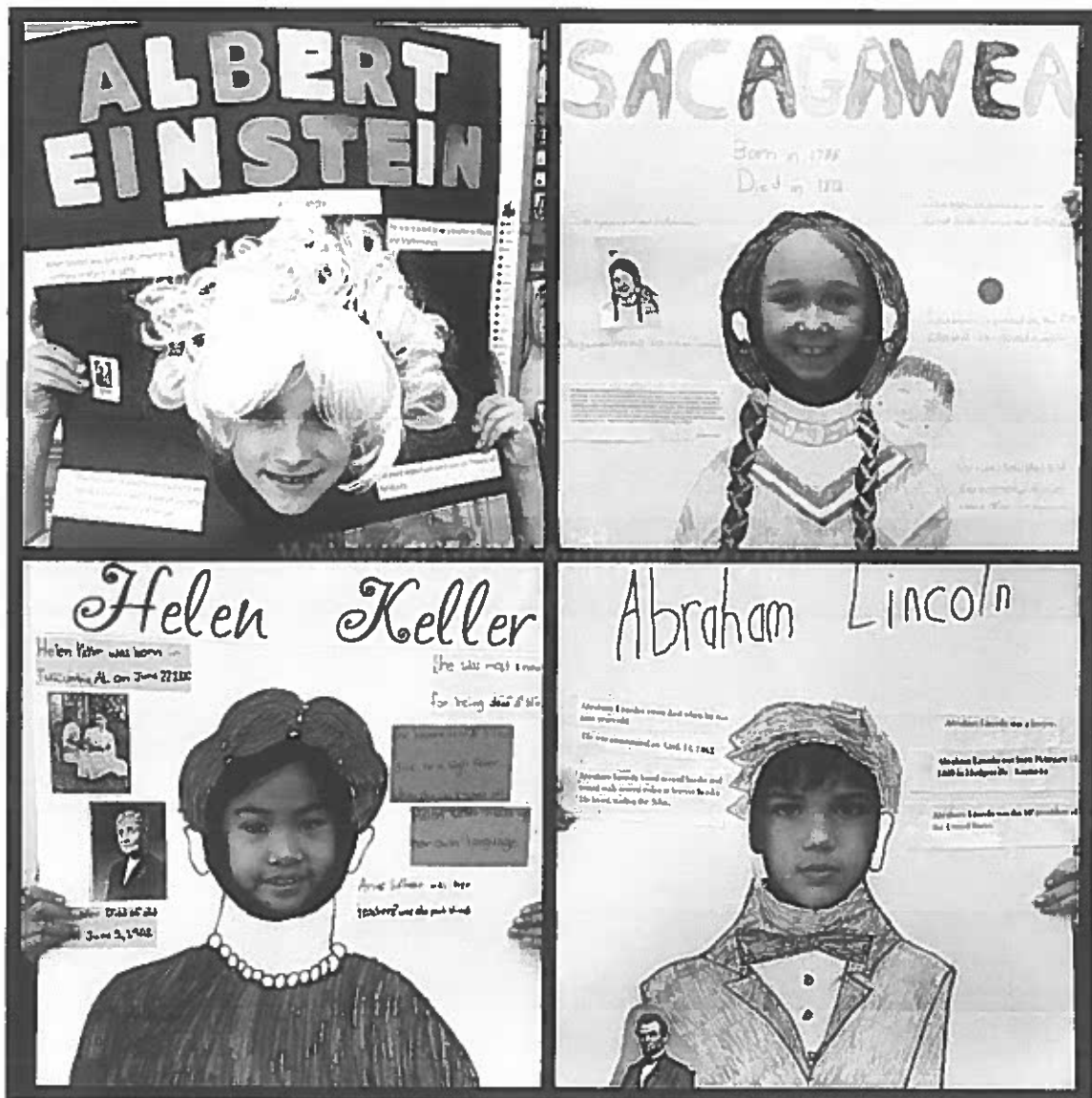
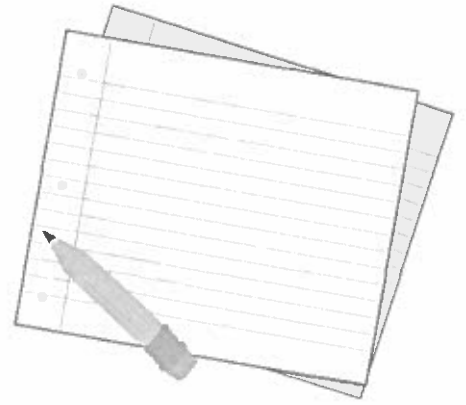


# FAMOUS AMERICAN RESEARCH PROJECT



# Draft



Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. When was your Famous American born? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where was your Famous American born? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why is this person famous? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. List three interesting facts about your Famous American.

Fact 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Fact 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_




Fact 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. When did this person die? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What caused this person's death? \_\_\_\_\_

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## GRADING RUBRIC

NAME	 2 points	 1 point	 0 points
CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH PROJECT	2 points	1 point	0 points
Student's name on project			
Title - name of the Famous American			
Photograph of the Famous American			
Project includes the following information of the Famous American: (Facts can be written by hand or typed out and printed)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date and place of birth</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What he/she is famous for</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interesting fact #1</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interesting fact #2</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interesting fact #1</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date and cause of death</li> </ul>			
Facts include the following conventions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital/uppercase letters</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct punctuation</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Correct spelling</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentences make sense and are complete</li> </ul>			
Neatness			
Creativity			
List of resources included on project			

TOTAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

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## Why the Sky Is Far Away

- 1 Long ago, the sky was so close that everyone could reach out and touch it. Best of all, the sky provided food for the people. All anyone had to do was reach up and grab a piece of the sky to eat.
- 2 Because the sky was so kind, no one had to work. People spent their time painting, singing, or playing games. People were happy to share the sky, except for a few. They took as much sky as they could. They ate just a little, and then threw the rest away.
- 3 Finally, the sky could not take it any longer. He told the king to come to see him.
- 4 "For many years, I've given your people all that they've wanted," Sky told the king. "I've only asked that the people never, ever waste the sky. If they continue to waste it, I will take it away."
- 5 The king called his people together. "Never take any more sky than you need," said the king. "It is a gift. If you waste it, the sky will fly away."
- 6 All of the people promised to do their best, except for one greedy family.

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**Why the Sky Is Far Away (page 2)**

- 7 "Let all the others be like sheep," they said. "We will do what we want."
- 8 That night, the family took one mile of the sky for their dinner. They ate just a bit and threw the rest away.
- 9 When the sky saw what the family had done, he grew angry. "I shall leave the world behind and take the sun, moon, and clouds with me into space," he said.
- 10 "Please don't leave us," the heartbroken king begged the sky.
- 11 The sky realized that there were still many good people on Earth.
- 12 "I shall let the sun, moon, and clouds stay behind, but I must go. From now on, you must learn to plant, hunt, and fish for yourselves."
- 13 So the sky floated almost into space where it remains today. That is why the sky is far away.

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# Opinion Planning Guide 1

**Prompt:** You have read the story "Why the Sky Is Far Away." In your opinion, did Sky do the right thing in moving into space, away from the people? Use evidence from the story to support your thinking.

## Analyze the Prompt

Sentence from Prompt	What the Prompt Says
Sentence 1	
Sentence 2	
Sentence 3	

## Opinion, Reasons, and Evidence

<b>My Opinion:</b>	
<b>My Reason:</b>	
<b>Evidence:</b>	<b>Paragraph:</b>
<b>Evidence:</b>	<b>Paragraph:</b>

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## Why the Sun and the Moon Live in the Sky

- 1 In the beginning of time, Sun, Moon, and Water all lived nearby on Earth. Sun had a beautiful house that twinkled like a star. Moon's home was a shimmering silver castle. Water's home was as wide open and as blue as the sky.
- 2 Every day, Sun would visit Water. But as the weeks went by, Sun began to wonder why Water didn't visit her at her home.
- 3 The next day Sun asked Water, "Why don't you ever come to see me? Is something wrong with my home?"
- 4 "No, not at all," answered Water. "It's just that your house is too small for me and all my people. I'm expected to bring fish and all the sea animals."
- 5 "Then I will make my house big enough for all of you," said Sun.
- 6 Sun went home and met with Moon. They worked hard to build a home as large as Earth itself.
- 7 Finally, the day came when Water knocked on Sun's door. "Is there enough room for all of us?"

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- 8 "Yes, please come in," said Sun. "Moon is also here to welcome you."
- 9 Water rushed in with millions of small fish. Very soon, Sun and Moon were knee-deep in water.
- 10 "So, how are you both?" asked Water politely. "Are you doing well?"
- 11 "Yes, thank you," replied Sun and Moon. "It is so wonderful to have you and all your people with us."
- 12 Then more water poured in, along with sea lions and many sea birds. Now Sun and Moon were soaked up to their necks.
- 13 "I can't allow the rivers and row boats to come in or you will most certainly drown," said Water.
- 14 "No, don't worry about us," said both Sun and Moon. "We'll just climb to the roof. It will be fine."
- 15 As the rivers and boats flowed in, the water rose far above the roof. Sun and Moon had no choice but to fly like birds into the sky, never to return to their flooded homes again. That is why Sun and Moon live in the sky.



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# Opinion Planning Guide 2

**Prompt:** You have read the story "Why the Sun and the Moon Live in the Sky." What is your opinion about how the story ends? Tell what you think this way and provide evidence from the story to support your thinking.

## Analyze the Prompt

Sentence from Prompt	What the Prompt Says
Sentence 1	
Sentence 2	
Sentence 3	

## Opinion, Reasons, and Evidence

<b>My Opinion:</b>	
<b>My Reason:</b>	
<b>Evidence:</b>	<b>Paragraph:</b>
<b>Evidence:</b>	<b>Paragraph:</b>

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# Opinion Checklist

Title \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No	Not Sure
1. I introduce my topic.	—	—	—
2. I state my opinion at the beginning of my paper.	—	—	—
3. I include reasons for my opinion based on my own thoughts about the topic.	—	—	—
4. I use evidence from the text to support my opinion.	—	—	—
5. I use linking words and phrases to connect reasons and evidence.	—	—	—
6. I include a concluding sentence or paragraph that makes my readers think.	—	—	—
7. My opinion follows an organized structure.	—	—	—
8. I choose words that make sense and make my opinion interesting.	—	—	—
9. I do not change my opinion.	—	—	—
10. I use different types of sentences.	—	—	—
11. I use third person and present tense.	—	—	—

## Quality Writing Checklist

I looked for and corrected . . .

parts of speech (nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs).	—	—	—
grammar.	—	—	—
indented paragraphs.	—	—	—
punctuation.	—	—	—
capitalization.	—	—	—
spelling.	—	—	—