

Fall Semester Final Exhibition

"A Spectrum of Visions"

Imagine you are an historical figure who has had a profound effect on the world. Your vision, struggles, and triumphs are what make you compelling, and for the serious student of history, literature, and science, impossible to ignore.

Working alone, you will investigate the life of significant world figure. You will conduct research, write a paper, and present an in-class performance.

The required components are as follows:

1. **Conduct in-depth research** on your historical figure. Your research must include a minimum of three (3) resources; exemplary research will include more. Among these you must include at least one (1) biographical or autobiographical source. In addition, consider including some of the following types of sources: essays; journal articles; magazine or newspaper articles; films or television programs; audio recordings; artistic pieces; websites; or lectures.

Deadline for selection of character: Wednesday, November 20th.

Deadline for list of resources (in *Works Cited* form): Tuesday, December 3rd.

2. **Compose a paper** responding to the following question: **What is your character's lasting impact on the world?** Remember, this is a formal research paper and, unlike your performance, must be written in **3rd person**. Your paper must be word-processed, double-spaced, and three (3) pages in length. Also, your paper must conform to MLA standards including parenthetical references and a list of Works Cited. Exceptional papers will be thoughtful, focused, and will display a rich understanding of your figure's impact on human history.

Deadline for 1 page biography: Thursday, December 5th.

Deadline for rough draft of paper: Monday, December 9th.

Deadline for final draft of paper: Wednesday, December 11th.

3. **Prepare and present an in-class performance** in which you become the figure you researched. **Your performance must be delivered in character (1st person) and in costume.** Performances must include a brief biography, discuss major accomplishments, and describe the lasting impact of your figure. Your performance must be three (3) to four (4) minutes in length. You should also be prepared to respond to questions from the audience.

Deadline for outline of presentation/note cards: Friday, December 13th.

**Deadline for presentation: Tuesday, December 17th (7B & 8B) or
Thursday, December 19th (6B).**

Research Guiding Questions

In conducting research and composing your paper, please remember that it is critical to move beyond a simple biographical sketch of your character to explore his or her lasting historical significance. Accordingly, please consider the following *guiding questions* as you work on this project:

1. What makes your character interesting, noteworthy, and inspiring?
2. What were your character's most noteworthy achievements?
3. How did your character make a lasting impact on the world?
4. How did your character change the course of world history?
5. What does your character have to teach us about the world and our own lives?