

Historical Hero Trading Card Project

A great project for students to do before my visit was created by librarians Sandy Pearsall of Conrad Weiser West Elementary School and Bridget Yourkawitch of Conrad Weiser East Elementary School. They created this Author Contest:

Purpose:

The visiting author, Elvira Woodruff, is willing to meet with third and fourth grade students in a 30-minute workshop in the afternoon. To determine which students will meet with the author, the students will be asked to complete a Historical Hero Trading Card. **

Assignment:

Historical Hero Trading Card

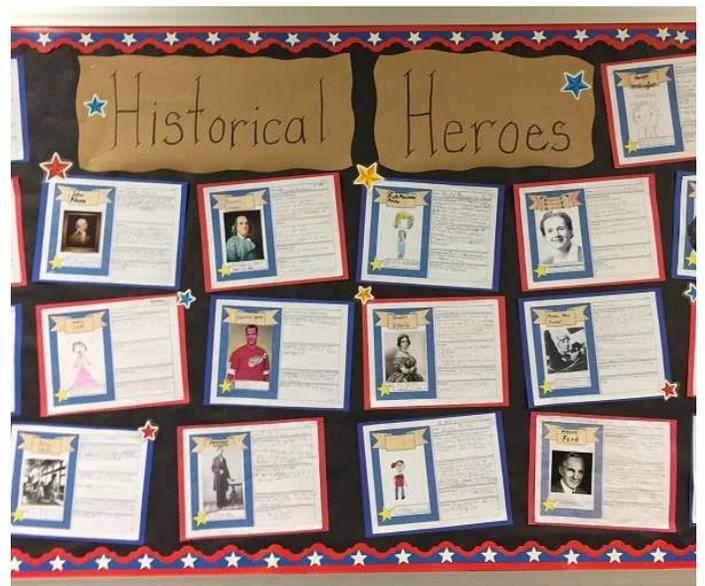
Students will need to create a trading card about a significant historical figure. To complete the assignment, please follow the steps below:

1. Select a Historical Hero of your choice.
2. Complete the attached biography sheet using one or more of the resources suggested below.
3. Hand in completed biography sheet and receive trading card template.
4. Create trading card using the information from biography sheet.
5. Proofread project.

All projects are due in the library by (select date).

Suggested Resources:

Students may take out a book from school library or public library. Student may also use appropriate online resources.



HISTORICAL TRADING Card Biography Research Sheet

Full Name:

Date and Location of Birth:

Date of Death:

Occupation/s:

A. List major accomplishments:

B. Write two pieces of trivia or fun facts about your person:

C. Write a memorable quote from your historical figure:

D. List resources:

**Note from Elvira: Since I am happy to work with large groups as well as small, it was decided that every student who created a Hero Card was a winner and allowed to attend the workshops. The hero cards were then on display in the library, giving these young writers a true sense of pride. After the workshop ten minutes extra was built in so that snacks could be had as an added reward. All in all, this was an excellent way to encourage children to write and to prepare them to hear an author speak about writing historical fiction.