**Black History Month Research Lesson for Grades 6, 7, and 8**

* A **poster rubric** is included. Give this to students prior to distributing the graphic organizer.
* Students choose or teacher assigns a person from the list (134 names).
* Distribute graphic organizer for information.
* **Week One (1 or 2 days):** Students go to library to research individual. (Depending on class length, research will take one or two days.) Students record notes for poster on graphic organizer, which also has a place for them to list sources. They will use their notes to create the poster.
* **Week Two (1 day):** Using notes, plan poster.
* **Week Three (2 or 3 days):** Students create a poster about their individual. (This will probably take two or three days.)
* **Week Four (5 or 10 minutes per student):** Students present information to class.

*Writing an essay is an alternative to creating a poster. Writing from the graphic organizer should help students avoid plagiarism. (Use your district’s writing rubric to grade essay.)*

**Poster Rubric**

**Student’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Topic\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**5 points each**

* Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Family \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Education \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Jobs held \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 3 interesting facts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Awards & recognition \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Date of death* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Place of death* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* *Cause of death* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Where person lives now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What person does now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Favorite quotation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Photo or drawing of assigned person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(May be printed from computer or

from magazine or newspaper)

**Subtotal (60 possible points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Appealing to the eye (15 points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Neatness (15 points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Spelling (10 points) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Final Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Hank Aaron Ralph Abernathy**

**Muhammad Ali Maya Angelou**

**Louis Armstrong Arthur Ashe**

**James Baldwin Ernie Banks**

**Count Basie Charles Bolden**

**Julian Bond James Brown**

**Ralphe Bunche LeVar Burton**

**Cab Calloway George Washington Carver**

**Ray Charles Eldridge Cleaver**

**Nat “King” Cole John Coltrane**

**Bill Cosby Countee Cullen**

**Dorothy Dandridge Miles Davis**

**Ruby Dee Larry Doby**

**Tony Dorsett W. E. B. DuBois**

**Paul Laurence Dunbar Marian Wright Edelman**

**Duke Ellington Ralph Ellison**

**Medgar Evers Ella Fitzgerald**

**Curt Flood Jamie Foxx**

**Aretha Franklin Morgan Freeman**

**Althea Gibson Barry Gordy Jr.**

**Ken Griffey Jr. Archie Griffin**

**Alex Haley Elvin Hayes**

**Jimi Hendrix Benjamin Hooks**

**Langston Hughes Zora Neale Hurston**

**Roy Innis Bo Jackson**

**Jesse Jackson Derek Jeter**

**James Earl Jones Barbara Jordan**

**Michael Jordan Jackie Joyner-Kersee**

**B. B. King Coretta Scott King**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Queen Latifah**

**Martin Lawrence Spike Lee**

**Sugar Ray Leonard Carl Lewis**

**Joe Louis Bernie Mac**

**Malcom X Karl Malone**

**Moses Malone Wynton Marsalis**

**Willie Mays Hattie McDaniel**

**Ronald E. McNair (PH.D) Joe Morgan**

**Thelonious Monk Pres. Barack Obama**

**Jesse Owens Satchel Paige**

**Charlie “Bird” Parker Gordon Parks**

**Rosa Parks Walter Payton**

**Leontyne Price Kirby Puckett**

**A. Phillip Randolph Otis Redding**

**Jerry Rice Condoleezza Rice**

**Paul Robeson Sugar Ray Robinson**

**Chris Rock Darius Rucker**

**Wilma Rudolph Bill Russell**

**Barry Sanders Deion Sanders**

**Gale Sayers Dred Scott**

**Tavis Smiley Bessie Smith**

**Emmitt Smith Ozzie Smith**

**Will Smith Lynn Swann**

**Sheryl Swoopes Clarence Thomas**

**Sojourner Truth Harriet Tubman**

**Nat Turner Cicely Tyson**

**Gene Upshaw Luther Vandross**

**Denmark Vessey Alice Walker**

**Sarah “Madame C. J. Walker” Walker Booker T. Washington**

**Denzel Washington Muddy Waters**

**J. C. Watts Phyllis Wheatley**

**Forest Whitaker Dominique Wilkins**

**Serena Williams Venus Williams**

**Flip Wilson Oprah Winfrey**

**Stevie Wonder Jacqueline Woodson**

**Alfre Woodard Richard Wright**

**Andrew Young James Van Der Zee**

Your name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Person to research\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Information** | **Source** |
| *Date & place of birth* |  |
| *Family* |  |
| *Education* |  |
| *Jobs held* |  |
| ***3*** *interesting facts about assigned person* |  |
| *Awards & recognition* |  |
| *Date of death* (Skip if still living) |  |
| *Place of death* (Skip if still living) |  |
| *Cause of death* (Skip if still living) |  |
| *Where person lives now* (Skip if deceased) |  |
| *Age* (Skip if deceased) |  |
| *What person does now* (Skip if deceased) |  |
| *Favorite quotation (Something memorable the individual said or wrote.)* |  |