
Name

Journey Through Time

Date

Group

Through in-depth research you will learn as much as possible about the person you choose in order to become that person and speak to your classmates in character. There are two basic components to this activity.

Now it's time to sift through your research, the big questions you asked and put it all together so that you can breathe life into the person you chose and let us all step back for a **Journey Through Time**.

1. Historical Performance

This is a biographical sketch highlighting the significant contributions made by the character. You are a storyteller telling your character's story (recall what Mrs. Traynor did) in the first person. Be prepared to present in first-person and in a costume appropriate for your character and time period.

Every great story starts with a **hook**. Think about what hook is appropriate for your character. In order to make your character more authentic, props and costumes will be necessary. You are not expected to buy anything. Do the best you can to find things that may be considered appropriate to the time period of your character. Imagination and improvisation will be heavily considered in this portion of your presentation.

Zoom in to that small moment in time in telling your story; focus on a small moment in time. Think about this:

- Baseball
- 1986 World Series
- Bottom of the 9th inning

Historical Performance Criteria:

- Needs to be **three to five minutes** in length.
- Ends with the so what. Your story probably has a natural ending but you want to leave your audience with some emotion - hoping for the future, pondering a deep thought, laughing. Try to tie this back into your hook - your story might be "circular" and end where it started.
- Time period and important facts about the character appear matter of factly without sounding like a laundry list report.
- **Authentic-looking costumes and props** that fit the character and time period they lived.

- Attempt made with a **voice/accent** different from your own and authentic for your character.

Guidelines, Tips and Advice

- You may use notecards (3x5 or 4x6) during your presentation but the better rehearsed you are, the more polished and authentic you will sound.
- This is also a public speaking exercise—**practice, practice and practice more.**
- Face the audience, make eye contact, speak clearly.

Presentations take place on the following dates; your adult advisor will assign you a day.

Remember, you are expected to continue working on JTT for at least 30 minutes each night at home.

2. Research Paper

Content Requirements:

- Significance/impact/interest
- Future impact 100 years from now
- Works Cited Page
- Notes shared in a Google Doc
- Process Paper completed in a Google Doc.