

Biography/Memoir

Presidential Poster

Imagine that the subject of your book has decided to run for president and has asked you to create a campaign poster. Look back through the book and think about whether or not the subject of the biography or memoir would make a good candidate for president. What qualities and characteristics would make this person a good leader? What leadership experience has this person had?

DUE DATES
Book approved _____
Book finished _____
Project finished _____

MATERIALS

posterboard or large sheet of construction paper, markers or crayons, glue, scissors, colored construction paper, pictures of the person for reference

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Find a biography or memoir that interests you and is at an appropriate reading level for you. Have your book approved by your teacher.

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

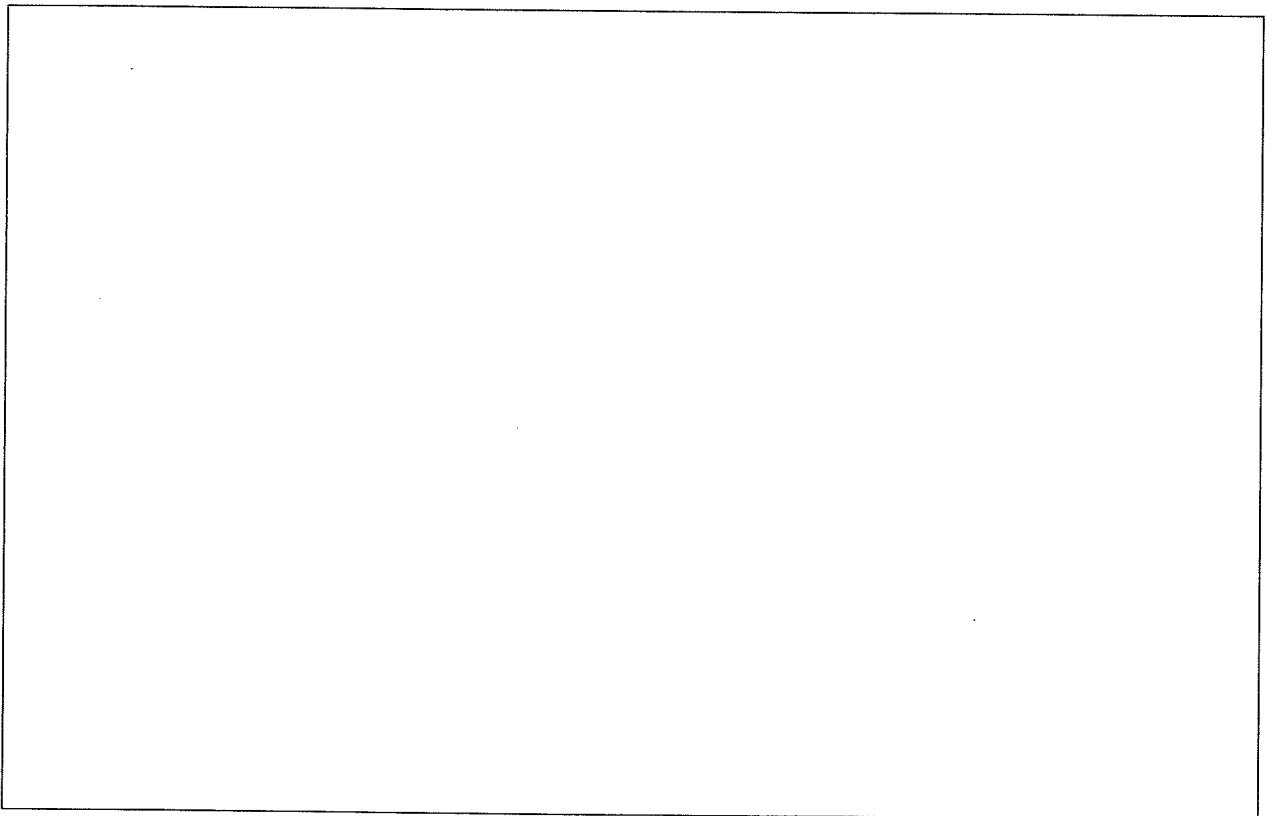
- 2 Look through the book and take notes about the subject of your book. List some adjectives that describe the person. Beside each adjective, write something the person did or said that shows that characteristic or quality.

- 3 Think about what experience the person has had that would prepare him or her for the role of president. List the experiences along with any reasons this would be good preparation for a president.

4 Think about what information you will include on the campaign poster. Write a rough draft in a style that is upbeat and persuasive. Include the following information:

- ✧ person's name in large letters (for example, "Harriet Tubman for President")
- ✧ hometown
- ✧ family
- ✧ education
- ✧ work experience
- ✧ personal characteristics
- ✧ what this person might accomplish as president
- ✧ a photo or drawing of the person

5 Sketch the design of the poster. Decide how you will fit all the information and what size it should be. Think about how you can make the poster colorful and attractive.



6 Now you're ready to make your poster. In pencil, transfer the information from your rough draft to posterboard or a large sheet of construction paper. Color your poster and then draw a picture of the person (or attach a photo).

7 Present your campaign poster to the class. Plan what you will say to try to convince your classmates to vote for your candidate.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

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	POSSIBLE POINTS	POINTS EARNED
1 Was your book approved by the due date?	5	
2 Did you hand in your project on time?	10	
3 Was your poster neat, colorful, and attractive?	15	
4 Did you include thoughtful and convincing information about the person?	35	
5 Was the information complete?	20	
6 Are the spelling, punctuation, and grammar correct?	10	
7 Was your presentation informative and convincing?	5	

Comments: _____
