

Hero Training

Modern Hero Companion Guides



Week	Character	“Modern” Hero	Biblical Hero	Bible Reading
1	Wise	Ben Franklin	Solomon	1 Kings 3 - 11
2	Kind	CS Lewis	Jesus	The book of John
3	Hardworking	Ronald Reagan	Noah	Genesis 5-8
4	Brave	Alan Shepard	Stephen	Acts 6-7
5	Playful	Milton Hershey	Jacob	Genesis 25-28
6	Open-Minded	William Penn	Paul	Act 13
7	Friendly	Paul Brand	David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 18-20
8	Fearless	Harriet Tubman	Caleb and Joshua	Numbers 13
9	Loyal	Elisabeth Elliot	Daniel	Book of Daniel
10	Patient	Abe Lincoln	Abraham	Genesis 12-17
11	Hopeful	Wright Brothers	Joshua	The book of Joshua
12	Leadership	George Washington	David	2 Samuel 2-7
13	Strength/ Love	Ernest Shackleton	Samson	Judges 13-16
14	Devotion	Benjamin Rush	Ruth and Boaz	The Book of Ruth
15	Responsible	DL Moody	Moses	Exodus 3-4
16	Inquisitive	Lewis and Clark	Nicodemus	John 3
17	Nurturing	Billy Graham	John	1, 2, 3 John
18	Forgiven	Louis Zamperini	The Thief on the Cross	Luke 23
19	Investigate/Teach	Thomas Edison	Peter	1, 2 Peter
20	Masculine	Teddy Roosevelt	John the Baptist	Matthew 3
21	Integrity	Ben Carson	Joseph	Genesis 3-7

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Week 1 - Ben Franklin



Born January 17, 1706
Boston, Massachusetts Bay, British America

Died April 17, 1790 (aged 84)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S.
Political party Independent

Spouse
Deborah Read
(m. 1730; died 1774)

Children
William Franklin
Francis Folger Franklin
Sarah Franklin Bache

Parents
Josiah Franklin
Abiah Folger

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_Franklin

<https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/benjamin-franklin>

Non-Fiction Books/ Historical Fiction

Benjamin Franklin: Live Wire by Janet Bengé and Geoff Bengé

Who Was Ben Franklin? by Dennis Brindell Fradin and John O'Brien

Time For Kids: Benjamin Franklin: A Man of Many Talents by Editors of TIME For Kids

Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos by Robert Lawson

To the Future, Ben Franklin! by Mary Pope Osborne

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. Who was "Silence Dogood"?
2. What was the name of the paper he published in Philadelphia?
3. How did Ben Franklin earn the title "The First American"?
4. What things did he study? What were some of his inventions?



Week 2 – CS Lewis



Born Clive Staples Lewis, 29 November 1898, Belfast, Ireland
Died 22 November 1963 (aged 64), Oxford, England

Spouse Joy Davidman (m. 1956; died 1960)
Children 2 step-sons; including Douglas Gresham

Website Research

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C. S. Lewis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C._S._Lewis)
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/C-S-Lewis>
<https://www.biography.com/writer/cs-lewis>

Non-Fiction Books

C. S. Lewis: Master Storyteller by Janet Bengel and Geoff Bengel
Finding Narnia: The Story of C. S. Lewis and His Brother by Caroline McAlister and Jessica Lanan
C.S. Lewis: Can you imagine? by Catherine MacKenzie

Books by CS Lewis

Mere Christianity, The Screwtape Letters, The Great Divorce, The Problem of Pain, Miracles, A Grief Observed, Abolition of Man, The Four Loves

The Chronicles of Narnia - The Magician's Nephew; The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe; The Horse and His Boy; Prince Caspian; The Voyage of the Dawn Treader; The Silver Chair; and The Last Battle.

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What other known author was CS Lewis acquainted with at Oxford? What was their literary group called?
 2. How did his faith influence his writing?
 3. At the University of Cambridge, what did he teach?
 4. How did his books bring him and his wife together?



Meeting place of Lewis' literary group in Oxfordshire, England



Week 3 – Ronald Reagan



Born Ronald Wilson Reagan, February 6, 1911, Tampico, Illinois, U.S.

Died June 5, 2004 (aged 93)
Los Angeles, California, U.S.

Buried

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum

Spouse(s) Jane Wyman (m. 1940; div. 1949)
Nancy Davis (m. 1952)

Children Maureen, Christine, Michael, Patti, Ron

Parents Jack Reagan, Nelle Wilson

40th President of the United States

In office January 20, 1981 – January 20, 1989

Vice President George H. W. Bush

Preceded by Jimmy Carter

Succeeded by George H. W. Bush

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald_Reagan?wprov=srpfw1_o

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ronald-Reagan>

<https://www.biography.com/us-president/ronald-reagan>

Non-Fiction Book List

Ronald Reagan: Destiny at His Side by Janet Bengé, Geoff Bengé

Who Was Ronald Reagan? by Joyce Milton, Kevin Pariseau

Ronald Reagan: Young Leader by Montrew Dunham and Meryl Henderson

The Remarkable Ronald Reagan: Cowboy and Commander in Chief by Susan Allen and Leslie Harrington

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. Before he was president, Ronald Reagan had many jobs, what were some of them?
2. What did Ronald Reagan do in the Army during WWII?
3. Who was John Hinckley Jr.?
4. What was Ronald Reagan's relationship like with Mikhail Gorbachev?



Tearing down the Berlin Wall

Week 4 – Alan Shepard



Born Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr.
November 18, 1923, Derry, New Hampshire, U.S.
Died July 21, 1998 (aged 74), Pebble Beach, California, U.S.
Occupation Naval aviator, test pilot
Awards
Navy Distinguished Service Medal
Distinguished Flying Cross
Congressional Space Medal of Honor
NASA Distinguished Service Medal (2)
NASA Exceptional Service Medal
Rank ★★ Rear Admiral, USN
Time in space 9d 00h 57m

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan_Shepard

<https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/stories/nasa-knows/who-was-alan-shepard-k4.html>

<https://www.biography.com/astronaut/alan-shepard>

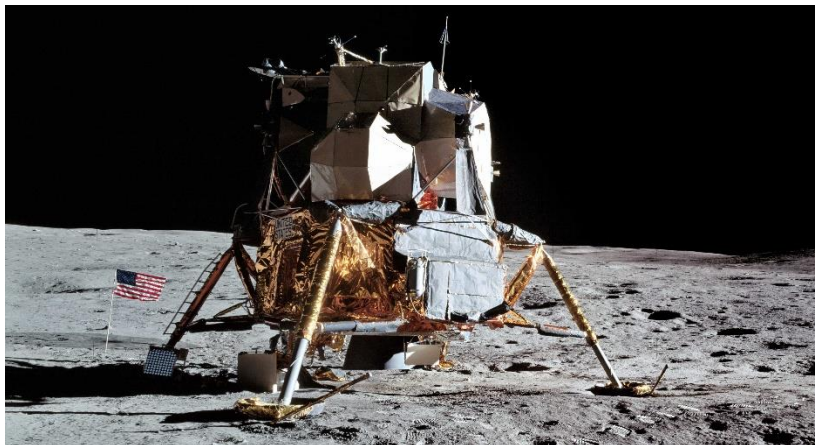
Non-Fiction Book List

Alan Shepard: Higher and Faster by Janet Bengé, Geoff Bengé

Daring Dozen: The Twelve Who Walked on the Moon by Suzanne Slade and Alan Marks

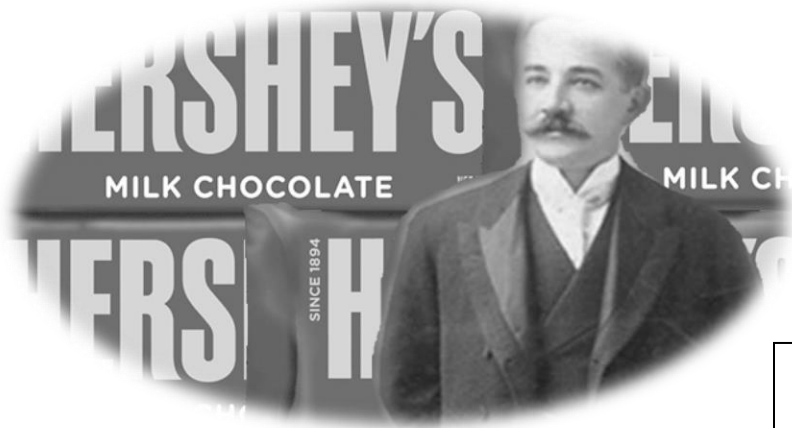
Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. Alan Shepard was the first American to go where?
2. Where did Apollo 14 travel?
3. What sport did Alan play on the moon?
4. What did Alan Shepard do before becoming an astronaut?



Apollo 14 Lunar module

Week 5 – Milton Hershey



Born Milton Snavely Hershey
September 13, 1857, Derry Township,
Pennsylvania, United States
Died October 13, 1945 (aged 88)
Hershey, Pennsylvania, United States
Resting place The Hershey Memorial, Hershey
Cemetery, Laudermich Road, Hershey,
Pennsylvania
Net worth approx. \$10 billion USD
Spouse Catherine "Kitty" Elizabeth Sweeney
(m. 1898; died 1915)

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milton_S._Hershey
<https://www.biography.com/business-figure/milton-hershey>

Non-Fiction/ Historical Fiction Book List

Milton Hershey: More than Chocolate by Janet Benge, Geoff Benge
Who Was Milton Hershey? by James Buckley
Milton Hershey: Young Chocolatier by M.M. Eboch and Meryl Henderson
The Mystery in Chocolate Town...Hershey, Pennsylvania by Carole Marsh

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What did Milton Hershey make before chocolate?
2. When was the first Hershey bar produced? First Hershey's Kisses?
3. Milton Hershey was known for his generosity, what were some of his philanthropic deeds?
4. Milton Hershey and his wife had a close call in 1912, what was it?



Week 6 – William Penn

Born 14 October 1644
London, England
Died July 30, 1718 (aged 73)
Ruscombe, Berkshire, England, Great Britain
Spouse(s) Gulielma Maria Springett
Hannah Margaret Callowhill
Children 8, including William Jr., John, Thomas,
and Richard
Parent(s) Admiral Sir William Penn
Margaret Jasper



Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Penn
<https://www.ushistory.org/penn/bio.htm>
<https://www.biography.com/political-figure/william-penn>

Non-Fiction Book List

William Penn: Liberty and Justice for All by Janet Benge and Geoff Benge
Time for Kids Reader William Penn: Founder of Pennsylvania by HARCOURT SCHOOL PUBLISHERS
Pittsburgh and the State of Pennsylvania: Cool Stuff Every Kid Should Know by Kate Boehm Jerome

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What did William Penn study in school?
2. Why did he want to settle in the New World?
3. What were some of the religious practices and beliefs of the Quakers's
4. How was William Penn given land in the colonies?



Week 7 – Paul Brand



Dr. Paul Brand

Born 17 July 1914
Tamil Nadu, India
Died 8 July 2003 (aged 88)
Seattle, Washington
Nationality English
Known for Pioneering physician/surgeon in the field of leprosy
Home town Kolli Hills, India
Spouse Margaret
Parent(s) Jesse Brand and Evelyn "Granny" Brand

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Brand

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2003/aug/27/guardianobituaries.health>

Non-Fiction Book List

Paul Brand: Helping Hands by Janet Bengue, Geoff Bengue

Ten Fingers for God: The Life and Work of Dr. Paul Brand by Dorothy Clarke Wilson

Books by Paul Brand

The Gift of Pain by Paul Brand and Philip Yancey

Fearfully and Wonderfully: The Marvel of Bearing God's Image by Dr. Paul Brand and Philip Yancey

He Satisfies My Soul: A Celebration of God's Creative Gifts for Body, Mind, and Spirit by Paul Brand

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. Where did Paul grow up? What did his parents do? What was his life like as a kid?
 2. Why was he sent to London at age nine?
3. As a surgeon, what part of the body did Paul specialize in originally?
 4. How did he redefine how leprosy was treated?

Leprosy is a long-term infection caused by certain types of bacteria. Infection can lead to damage of the nerves, respiratory tract, skin, and eyes. This nerve damage may result in a lack of ability to feel pain, which can lead to the loss of parts of a person's extremities from repeated injuries or infection due to unnoticed wounds. An infected person may also experience muscle weakness and poor eyesight.



Week 8 – Harriet Tubman

Born Araminta Ross c. March 1822
Dorchester County, Maryland, U.S.
Other names Minty, Moses
Died March 10, 1913 (aged 90–91)
Auburn, New York, U.S.
Resting place Fort Hill Cemetery,
Occupation Civil War scout, spy,
nurse, suffragist, civil rights activist
Spouse(s) John Tubman (m. 1844; div.
1851) Nelson Davis (m. 1869; died 1888)
Children Gertie (adopted)
Parent(s) Harriet Greene Ross, Ben Ross



Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harriet_Tubman
<https://www.biography.com/activist/harriet-tubman>

Non-Fiction and Historical Fiction Book List

Harriet Tubman: Freedombound by Janet Bengé, Geoff Bengé
Who Was Harriet Tubman? by Yona Zeldis McDonough
Before She Was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome and James E. Ransome
The Mystery on the Underground Railroad by Carole Marsh

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. She was born a slave named Araminta Ross in Maryland. What was her early life like?
 2. What finally drove Harriet to escape slavery?
3. How many trips did she make on the Underground Railroad? How many people did she save?
 4. What was Harriet's role during the Civil War?
 5. Where did Harriet live after the war? What was built on land that she donated?



Tubman in 1887 (far left), with her husband Davis (seated, with cane), their adopted daughter Gertie (beside Tubman), Lee Cheney, John "Pop" Alexander, Walter Green, and "Blind Aunty" Sarah Parker at Tubman's home in Auburn, New York



Week 9 – Elisabeth Elliot



Born	Elisabeth Howard December 21, 1926 Brussels, Belgium
Died	June 15, 2015 (aged 88) Magnolia, Massachusetts
Occupation	Missionary, Author, Public speaker
Nationality	American
Spouses	Jim Elliot (m. 1953; died 1956) Addison Leitch (m. 1969; died 1973) Lars Gren (m. 1977)
Children	Valerie Elliot

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elisabeth_Elliot

<http://elisabethelliott.org/about.html>

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2019/march-web-only/elisabeth-elliott-devotedly-suffering-never-nothing.html>

Non-Fiction Book List

Elisabeth Elliot: Joyful Surrender by Janet Benge and Geoff Benge
Elisabeth Elliot: Do the Next Thing by Selah Helms, Alana Kerr Collins

Books by Elisabeth Elliot

Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot
Through Gates of Splendor
Quest for Love
The Savage My Kinsman
Passion and Purity: Learning to Bring Your Love Life Under God's Control

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What did Elisabeth's family do for a living?
2. What happened to Elisabeth's first husband, Jim?
3. What did Elisabeth do after Jim died?
4. Elisabeth lived a long life after Jim died, what did she do with those years?



Week 10 – Abe Lincoln



Born	February 12, 1809 Sinking Spring Farm, Kentucky, U.S.
Died	April 15, 1865 (aged 56) Washington, D.C., U.S.
Resting place	Lincoln Tomb
Height	6 ft 4 in (193 cm)[1]
Spouse	Mary Todd (m. 1842)
Children	Robert, Edward, Willie, Tad
Mother	Nancy Hanks
Father	Thomas Lincoln

The Gettysburg Address

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_Lincoln
<https://www.biography.com/news/abraham-lincoln-beard>
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Abraham-Lincoln/Early-politics>

Non-Fiction/ Historical Fiction Book List

Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom by Janet Benge, Geoff Benge
Who Was Abraham Lincoln? by Janet B. Pascal
Abraham Lincoln for Kids: His Life and Times with 21 Activities by J. Herbert
Abe Lincoln's Hat by Martha Brenner and Donald Cook
Magic Tree House Fact Tracker: Abraham Lincoln by Mary Pope Osborne
Abe Lincoln at Last! by Mary Pope Osborne

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What was Lincoln's childhood like?
2. What did Lincoln do for a living before entering politics?
3. Why did Abe grow a beard?
4. What was the Civil War about?
5. How and where did Lincoln die?



Abraham Lincoln's boyhood home,
Knob Creek, Kentucky

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Week 11 – The Wright Brothers



Orville Wright

Born August 19, 1871
Dayton, Ohio
Died January 30, 1948 (aged 76)
Dayton, Ohio
Education 3 years high school
Occupation Printer/publisher, bicycle
retailer/manufacturer, airplane
inventor/manufacturer, pilot trainer

Wilbur Wright

Born April 16, 1867
Millville, Indiana
Died May 30, 1912 (aged 45)
Dayton, Ohio
Education 4 years high school
Occupation Editor, bicycle
retailer/manufacturer, airplane
inventor/manufacturer, pilot trainer

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wright_brothers
<https://www.biography.com/news/orville-wilbur-wright-brothers-first-flight>
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Wright-brothers>

Non-Fiction Book List

Orville Wright: The Flyer by Janet Bengel and Geoff Bengel
Who Were the Wright Brothers? by James Buckley Jr
Wright Brothers (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Inventors & Scientists) by Mike Venezia

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What started the brothers' fascination with flight?
2. What careers did they have before inventing?
3. Why did they choose Kitty Hawk, NC to do test flights?
4. How far did the Wright Flyer travel on its first flight?



Week 12 – George Washington



Born February 22, 1732
Popes Creek, Virginia, British America
Died December 14, 1799 (aged 67)
Mount Vernon, Virginia
Resting place Mount Vernon
Spouse Martha Dandridge (m. 1759)
Children John (adopted), Patsy (adopted)
Parents Augustine Washington, Mary Ball Washington

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Washington
<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/george-washington-is-born>
<https://www.biography.com/us-president/george-washington>

Non-Fiction/ Historical Fiction Book List

George Washington: True Patriot by Janet Bengé and Geoff Bengé
Who Was George Washington? by Roberta Edwards , Nancy Harrison
George Washington's Teeth by Deborah Chandra , Madeleine Comora
Revolutionary War on Wednesday by Mary Pope Osborne
GEORGE-isms: The 110 Rules George Washington Lived By by George Washington and Gary Hovland

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What is known about George's early life?
2. Name a few of that George lived by his whole life.
3. What were some of Washington's victories during the Revolutionary war?
4. Why was George Washington chosen as America's first president?
5. What did George do after his time as president was over?



Washington Crossing the Delaware, 1851 by Leutze

Week 13 – Ernest Shackleton

Born Ernest Henry Shackleton
15 February 1874
Kilkea, County Kildare, Ireland
Died 5 January 1922 (aged 47)
Grytviken, South Georgia
Spouse Emily Dorman (m. 1904)
Children Edward Shackleton
Awards
Commander of the Royal Victorian Order
(1909)
Officer of the Order of the British Empire (1918)
Polar Medal with three clasps



Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest_Shackleton

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ernest-Henry-Shackleton>

<https://www.biography.com/explorer/ernest-shackleton>

Non-Fiction/ Historical Fiction Book List

Ernest Shackleton: Going South by Geoff Benge, Tim Gregory

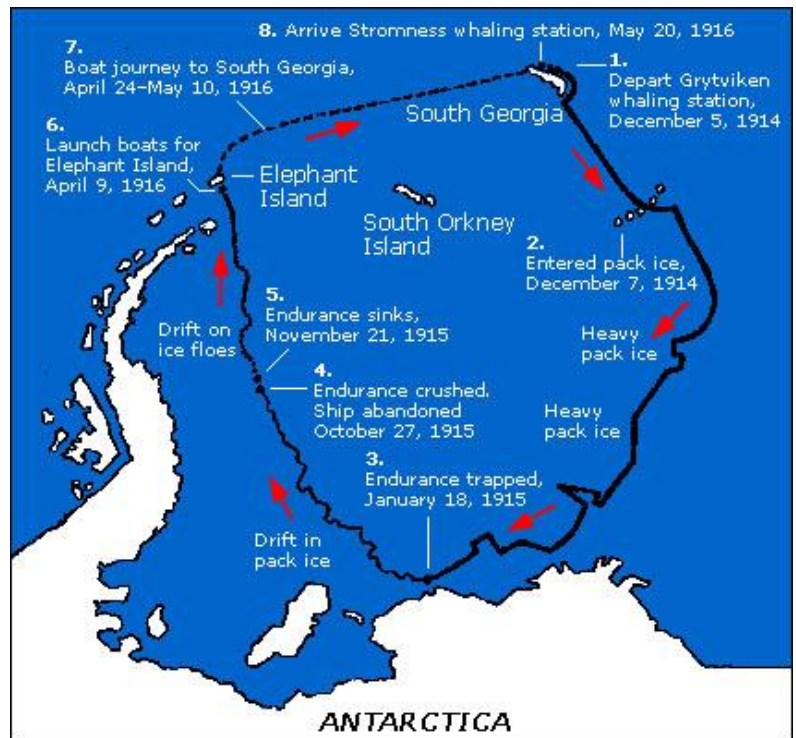
Who Was Ernest Shackleton? by James Buckley

Survival Tails: Endurance in Antarctica by Katrina Charman

Captain's Log: Snowbound by Erin Dionne and Jeffrey Ebbeler

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. Besides being an explorer, what else did Ernest do for a living?
2. What was the tale of the *Endurance*?
3. Was the *Endurance* expedition his last?



Week 14 – Benjamin Rush



Born December 24, 1745
Byberry, Philadelphia County, Province
of Pennsylvania, British America
Died April 19, 1813 (aged 67)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United
States of America
Resting place Christ Church Burial
Ground, Philadelphia
Alma mater Princeton University
University of Edinburgh
Occupation Physician, writer,
educator, medical doctor
Known for Signer of the United
States Declaration of Independence
Children 13, including Richard

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_Rush

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Benjamin-Rush>

<https://www.historyisfun.org/learn/learning-center/colonial-america-american-revolution-learning-resources/american-revolution-essays-timelines-images/people-of-the-revolution/benjamin-rush/>

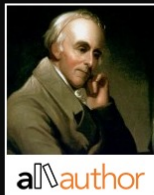
Non-Fiction Book List

Benjamin Rush: The Common Good by Janet Bengel and Geoff Bengel

Benjamin Rush: Signer of the Declaration of Independence by David Barton

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. Where did Benjamin go to school? What did he study?
2. Why is Benjamin Rush considered one of America's Founding Fathers??
3. What were some of his controversial medical practices?



Liberty without virtue would be no
blessing to us.

-Benjamin Rush

Week 15 – DL Moody



Born Dwight Lyman Moody
February 5, 1837
Northfield, Massachusetts, US
Died December 22, 1899 (aged 62)
Northfield, Massachusetts, US
Occupation Preacher, evangelist and publisher

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dwight_L._Moody

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/history/people/evangelistsandapologists/dwight-l-moody.html>

<https://www.moody.edu/about/our-bold-legacy/d-l-moody/>

Non-Fiction/ Historical Fiction Book List

D. L. Moody: Bringing Souls to Christ by Janet Bengé and Geoff Bengé

A Passion for Souls: The Life of D. L. Moody by Lyle W. Dorsett

Danger on the Flying Trapeze: Introducing D.L. Moody by Dave Jackson and Neta Jackson

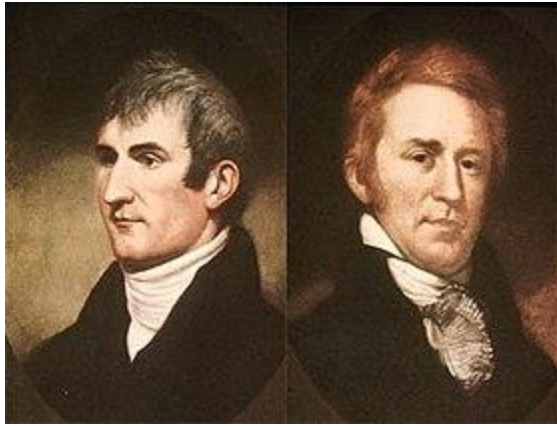
Children's Stories (Classic Stories) by D. L. Moody

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. As a young man, Moody had a goal of amassing wealth, what changed that goal?
 2. What was Moody's role during the Civil War?
 3. What helped convince Moody to take his ministry globally?
 4. Discuss the schools that Moody founded.
5. What character qualities do you think Moody had that drew people to Jesus through him?



Week 16 – Lewis and Clark



Meriwether Lewis

Born August 18, 1774
Ivy, Albemarle County, Colony of Virginia
Died October 11, 1809 (aged 35)
Hohenwald, Tennessee, U.S.
Cause of death Gunshot wounds
Alma mater Liberty Hall (Washington and Lee University), 1793
Occupation Explorer, soldier, politician

William Clark

Born August 1, 1770
Ladysmith, Colony of Virginia
Died September 1, 1838 (aged 68)
St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.
Spouse(s) Julia Hancock (1808–1820; her death), Harriet Kennerly Radford (1820–1831; her death)
Parents John Clark III, Ann Rogers Clark
Occupation soldier, explorer, politician

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lewis_and_Clark_Expedition

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meriwether_Lewis

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Clark

<https://www.history.com/news/10-little-known-facts-about-the-lewis-and-clark-expedition>

Non-Fiction/ Historical Fiction Book List

Meriwether Lewis: Off the Edge of the Map: Heroes of History by Geoff Benge, Tim Gregory

What Was the Lewis and Clark Expedition? by Judith St. George

How We Crossed The West: The Adventures Of Lewis And Clark by Rosalyn Schanzer

Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President by Shirley Raye Redmond and John Manders

Who Was Sacagawea? by Judith Bloom Fradin, Dennis Brindell Fradin

The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe by Roland Smith

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. How did Lewis and Clark meet?
2. What was the importance of their expedition?
 3. Who was Sacagawea?
4. How did the two men spend their lives after the expedition was complete?



Week 17 – Billy Graham



Born William Franklin Graham Jr.
November 7, 1918
Charlotte, North Carolina, U.S.
Died February 21, 2018 (aged 99)
Montreat, North Carolina, U.S.
Resting place Billy Graham Library
Spouse Ruth Bell
(m. 1943; died 2007)
Children 5, including Anne and Franklin
Education Florida Bible Institute,
Wheaton College

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billy_Graham

<https://www.biography.com/religious-figure/billy-graham>

<https://billygraham.org/about/biographies/billy-graham/>

Non-Fiction Book List

Billy Graham: America's Pastor

by Janet Bengé and Geoff Bengé

Billy Graham: Just Get Up Out of Your Seat

by Catherine Mackenzie, Adam Verner

Prophet With Honor, Kids Edition: The Billy Graham Story

by William C. Martin

Books by Billy Graham

Hope for Each Day: 365 Devotions for Kids by Billy Graham

God's Good News: More Than 60 Bible Stories and Devotions

by Billy Graham and Scott J. Wakefield

Just as I Am: The Autobiography of Billy Graham

by Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows

Angels: God's Secret Agents by Billy Graham

Discussion/ Essay Questions

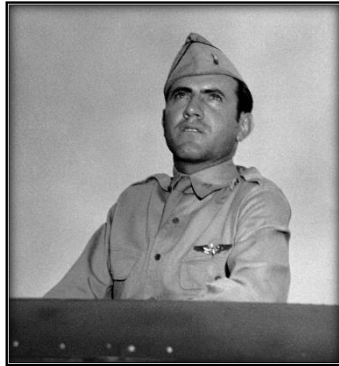
1. When did Billy Graham become a Christian?
2. Where did Billy's wife, Ruth Bell Graham spend her first 17 years of live? Why?
3. What were Billy Graham's "Crusades"?
4. How did he use modern media to preach the gospel?



Dear God, I prayed, all unafraid (as we're inclined to do),
I do not need a handsome man, but let him be like You;
I do not need one big and strong, nor yet so very tall,
nor need he be some genius, or wealthy, Lord, at all;
but let his head be high, dear God, and let his eye be clear,
his shoulders straight, whate'er his state, whate'er his earthly sphere;
and let his face have character, a ruggedness of soul,
and let his whole life show, dear God, a singleness of goal;
then when he comes (as he will come) with quiet eyes aglow,
I'll understand that he's the man I prayed for long ago.

Ruth Bell Graham

Week 18 – Louis Zamperini



Born Louis Silvie Zamperini
January 26, 1917
Olean, New York, U.S.
Died July 2, 2014 (aged 97)
Los Angeles, California, U.S.
Alma mater University of Southern California
Spouse Cynthia Applewhite
(m. 1946; died 2001)
Children 2
Military career
Allegiance United States of America
Service/branch US Army Air Corps
Years of service 1941–1945
Rank Captain
Unit 372nd Bombardment Squadron,
307th Bombardment Group
Battles/wars World War II
Pacific War
Awards Distinguished Flying Cross,
Purple Heart (2), Air Medal (4), Prisoner
of War Medal

Website Research

<https://reasonabletheology.org/the-rest-of-the-story-louis-zamperini-after-unbroken/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis_Zamperini

<https://billygraham.org/story/louis-zamperini-billy-graham-and-a-life-changing-decision-the-rest-of-the-unbroken-story/>

<https://www.biography.com/military-figure/louis-zamperini>

Non-Fiction Book List

Louis Zamperini: Redemption by Janet Bengé and Geoff Bengé

Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey From Airman to Castaway to Captive

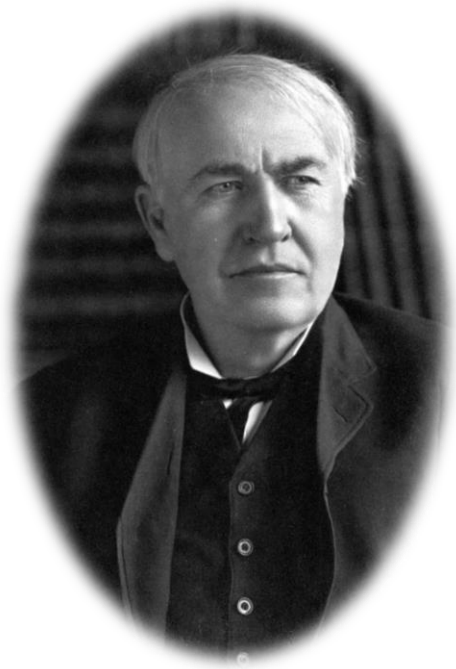
by Laura Hillenbrand, Edward Herrmann

Louis Zamperini: Survivor and Champion by Renee Taft Meloche and Bryan Pollard

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What year did Louis run in the Olympics? Where was it located? What made this location significant?
2. Why were the 1940 Olympics cancelled? Where were they supposed to be held?
3. What happened to Louis during WWII?
4. After the war ended, Louis felt vengeful. What happened to change him?

Week 19 – Thomas Edison



Born Thomas Alva Edison
February 11, 1847
Milan, Ohio, U.S.
Died October 18, 1931 (aged 84)
West Orange, New Jersey, U.S.
Burial place Thomas Edison National
Historical Park
Education Self-educated
Spouse(s) Mary Stilwell (m. 1871; d.
1884), Mina Miller (m. 1886)
Children 6, including
Madeleine Edison,
Charles Edison,
Theodore Miller Edison
Thomas Alva Edison Jr.

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Edison
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Thomas-Edison>
<https://www.biography.com/inventor/thomas-edison>

Non-Fiction Books/ Historical Fiction

Thomas Edison: Inspiration and Hard Work by Janet Bengé and Geoff Bengé
Who Was Thomas Alva Edison? by Margaret Frith
Timeless Thomas: How Thomas Edison Changed Our Lives by Gene Barretta
Night of the New Magicians (Magic Tree House) by Mary Pope Osborne

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What was Thomas Edison's schooling like?
2. What were some of Edison's first jobs he had?
3. Name some of Thomas Edison's inventions.
4. Edison did not invent the first lightbulb, but what did he do with the lightbulb?
5. How did Edison help the military during WWI?



Week 20 – Teddy Roosevelt

Born Theodore Roosevelt Jr.
October 27, 1858
Manhattan, New York City, New York, U.S.
Died January 6, 1919 (aged 60)
Oyster Bay, New York, U.S.
Resting place Youngs Memorial
Cemetery, Oyster Bay, New York, U.S.
Spouse(s) Alice Lee (m. 1880; died 1884),
Edith Carow (m. 1886)
Children
Alice, Theodore III, Kermit, Ethel,
Archibald, Quentin
Parents Theodore Roosevelt Sr.
Martha Stewart Bulloch
Education Harvard University
Profession Author, conservationist,
explorer, historian, naturalist, police
commissioner, politician, soldier,
sportsman
Civilian awards Nobel Peace Prize (1906)



Website Research

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Theodore-Roosevelt>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodore_Roosevelt
<https://www.biography.com/us-president/theodore-roosevelt>

Non-Fiction/ Historical Fiction Book List

Theodore Roosevelt: An American Original by Janet Benge, Geoff Benge

Who Was Theodore Roosevelt? by Michael Burgan

Teddy: The Remarkable Tale of a President, a Cartoonist, a Toymaker and a Bear by James Sage and Lisk Feng

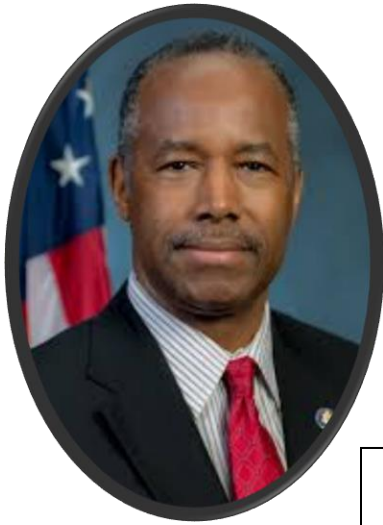
Action Presidents #3: Theodore Roosevelt! by Fred Van Lente and Ryan Dunlavey

Discussion/ Essay Question

1. How old was Theodore when he was first elected into public office?
2. What happened on February 14, 1884? How did he react to that?
 3. What were the “Rough Riders”?
 4. What were some of his notable acts as president?
 5. What did he win the Nobel Peace Prize for in 1906?



Week 21 – Ben Carson



Born Benjamin Solomon Carson
September 18, 1951 (age 68)
Detroit, Michigan, U.S.
Spouse Candy Rustin (m. 1975)
Children 3
Education Yale University (BA),
University of Michigan Medical School
(MD)
Awards Presidential Medal of Freedom
Fields Neurosurgery, Pediatric
neurosurgery

Website Research

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben_Carson
<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ben-Carson>
<https://www.biography.com/political-figure/ben-carson>

Non-Fiction Book List

Ben Carson: A Chance at Life by Janet Bengé, Geoff Bengé
Gifted Hands, Revised Kids Edition: The Ben Carson Story by Gregg Lewis and Deborah Shaw Lewis

Books by Ben Carson

You Have a Brain: A Teen's Guide to T.H.I.N.K. B.I.G. by Ben Carson M.D.
Take the Risk: Learning to Identify, Choose, and Live with Acceptable Risk by Ben Carson M.D. and Gregg Lewis
The Big Picture: Getting Perspective on What's Really Important in Life by Ben Carson M.D.

Discussion/ Essay Questions

1. What was Ben's life like as a child?
2. What was some of the groundbreaking work Ben did as a neurosurgeon?
3. How did he get into politics?
4. What position was he appointed by President Trump?