

Biography Writing Activity Ideas

1. Have students journal about new information they learned or a new insight they gained after viewing any of the Biography programs.
2. After watching the video Biography 1, have students complete the following activities:
 - a. Make a time-line of the major events in the Wright Brothers attempts to fly.
 - b. Explain why the Wright Brothers moved to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
 - c. Research how birds fly and compare it to the first plane plans of the Wright Brothers.
 - d. Write three journal entries by the Wright Brothers that might describe the days after the first flight in 1903.
 - e. Pretend you are a bystander to the first flight. Write what you saw and felt.
3. After watching the video Biography 2, have students complete the following activities:
 - a. Pretend you are a bystander watching Lindbergh leave New York for his flight across the Atlantic. Write what you are seeing and feeling.
 - b. Pretend you are a bystander watching Lindbergh arrive in Paris after his successful flight across the Atlantic. Write what you are seeing and feeling.
 - c. Research Lindbergh's plane, The Spirit of St. Louis. Describe it and compare it to planes today.
4. After watching the video Biography 5, have students complete the following activities:
 - a. Research the history of the 1994 Rwanda genocide: Who were the Hutu and Tutsis? What started the war? What was the conflict? What was the purpose of the genocide?
 - b. Write four journal entries Paul Rusesabagina might have written as the soldiers moved in and as he sheltered people.
 - c. Watch the movie Hotel Rwanda. Write about Paul's actions and persuade others that he did the right thing. (or wrong thing depending on your opinion)
 - d. Research www.hotelrwandarusesabaginafoundation.org website and discover what is happening with his foundation currently.



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