

Historical Figure Research
Year 1 Cycle 1

	Flying High	Jumping for Joy	A Lovely Walk	Still Resting
Content	Demonstrates excellent understanding of person's life and contributions. Includes information that "tells" the person's life story	Demonstrates good understanding of important ideas and events in person's life. Discusses why the person is important.	Some gaps in understanding and includes some factual errors and misconceptions. Attempts to discuss why the person is important.	Demonstrates little knowledge or understanding of the person. Does not discuss importance of person. Written work is merely a rewriting of facts.
Organization	Introduction and conclusion are strong and engaging. Information is presented in a logical and interesting order. Ideas flow well.	Good introduction and conclusion. Information is presented in a logical order.	An organizational plan is evident, but some ideas are presented out of order.	No organizational plan evident and ideas seem jumbled and disconnected
Supporting Details	Develops ideas fully using appropriate and relevant examples, reasons, details, and explanations	Develops ideas using some examples, details, and explanations.	Uses some examples and explanations to express ideas. Include some examples that are not relevant to the topic.	Does not use relevant examples or explanations to elaborate on the topic.
Mechanics	Contains 1-3 grammatical or spelling errors that do not interfere with the meaning of the essay.	Contains 4-6 grammatical or spelling errors . Mild interference with meaning.	Contains 7-9 grammatical or spelling errors. Strong interference with meaning.	More than 10 errors which makes comprehension difficult or impossible.
Word Usage	Excellent word choice.	Good word choice.	Poor word choice for some parts.	Word choice makes comprehension difficult or impossible.