# **Mini-Genre Study**

Narrative Nonfiction
Reading with the focus of getting to know a
Changemaker

## Day 1: Read Aloud Immersion Research

Focus ?'s

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What makes the two types of text different?

-Read Sit In & compare the HF mentor texts

### **Narrative Nonfiction: Immersion Research**

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#### **Class Initial Thoughts on Differences:**

*Nonfiction* = true, really happened

*Narrative* = narrator, it's a story being told to the reader

- -restating true facts in a story
- -HF is stating partially true facts, some of it is made up

## **Narrative Nonfiction vs. Historical Fiction**

Same	Different
-Can have real characters -Can tell a real story -Can be told in 3rd person or 1st person -Both use figurative language to describe characters and setting -Author could use repetition -Could have actual quotes in NNF and HF -Both authors are trying to draw the reader in and get them interested in the story	-Tells the actual, factual events that happened -All the characters are real -More of the story and more of the dialogue is as real as possible -When it is being told in 3rd person, it is being told from the author's perspective -NNF is what a HF story could be based on

## Day 2: Read Aloud Immersion Research

### **Define Characteristics of Narrative Nonfiction**

Focus ?'s

How does an author organize this type of text?
What might an author include in his or her writing?
What is the author's purpose?

-Read Harvesting Hope or Dolores Huerta

# Reading with a Focus

- -What contributions have people made to justice and fairness historically?
- -How does history impact how people live today?
- -How do I make sure that freedom is fair?

#### Our Reading Focus:

We are reading **narrative nonfiction** to learn more about a **changemaker** in American history **to further our own growth as contributing members of society** 

# **Defining Characteristics of Narrative Nonfiction**

How does an author organize this type of text?	What might an author include in his or her writing?	What is the author's purpose?
Organized like a story but more focused on the important facts	Used character traits (Dolores is a)	To teach/tell about an event or a person
Does not show feelings or important dialogue - shows what she did as a community	From the author's perspective (third person) - may include the author's positive or negative	To show how this person/event affected history
organizer	opinion of the person	The purpose is to inform, not to entertain
Timeline (at the end)	Figurative language	To tell what someone is known
"Learn more about" (gives resources for you to find more information)	May include some dialogue (Why did the author choose to include these words?)	for
	Clearly explain the characters actions - from research or observation	

# <u>Day 3</u>

Introduce changemakers & narrative nonfiction text

Get them hyped

The students fill out a changemaker application

- -Some students in book clubs, others reading on their own
- -Some students have multiple small text

\*\*During a morning meeting- pass out books & announce changemakers\*\*

# **Day 4**

Start phase 1: Reading & researching changemaker

- -Introduce focus ?'s for research
  - -2 ways to collect notes: Web note-taking packet or in reading notebook
  - -remind students their brain is doing same kind of think in any narrative
- -Students read, collect notes & discuss changemaker in clubs & on own

## Reading Narrative NonFiction

When you read **any type of narrative (story)**, your brain is doing the same work!

- -Asked ?'s at beginning of text & answer them as you read
- -Hold onto important details throughout the text

  What did you do with those important details?
- -Noticed patterns & why the author included them
- -Notice the growth/change of main characters & their relationships
- -Noticed the author's message or lesson to the reader & what it made you think

# Phase 1: Getting to Know your Changemaker

Answer these ?'s in your Reading notebook. Organize your notes in a way that works best for you (t-chart, web, bulleted list, paragraphs, etc.)

- 1. What are the **positive qualities** of your changemaker?
- 2. What were the **major milestones** of the changemakers journey?
- 3. With specific evidence from your source, prove that the changemaker was/is **responsible**.
- 4. What did the changemaker *accomplish*?
- 5. What **inspired** this changemaker?
- 6. How did the changemaker *change the world and affect history*?

# <u>Day 5</u>

Analyze example web

-Identify the research questions within the persons web

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### Phase 1: Let's look at a research web...

# Can you see where in the web the person answered our research questions?

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### Phase 2: What your project should include

#### Describe the early life of your person.

- Tell about what kind of person he or she was.
- What were their **distinct qualities** (physical traits and personality traits)?
- What kinds of **struggles** did this person face/endure?
- How did this person respond to challenges they faced in life?

# Highlight important <u>milestones</u> your person experienced.

#### Illustrate the accomplishments.

- Tell about the work your person did.
- Explain why his/her work or contribution was important.
- Did he or she invent something or teach others?
- What lasting effects did your person have on the lives of others?
- How did he or she change the world?

# What should we all know about your person?

How do we benefit today from the work they did (their contribution to society)? What do you think is the most impressive

thing the person **did**?

What do you think is the most impressive thing the person **said** 

(TIP: Be creative with your use of quotes)?

#### Include INSPIRATION!!

What do you think inspired the person you are studying?

In what ways would you like to be like the person?

Show how your person has inspired you.

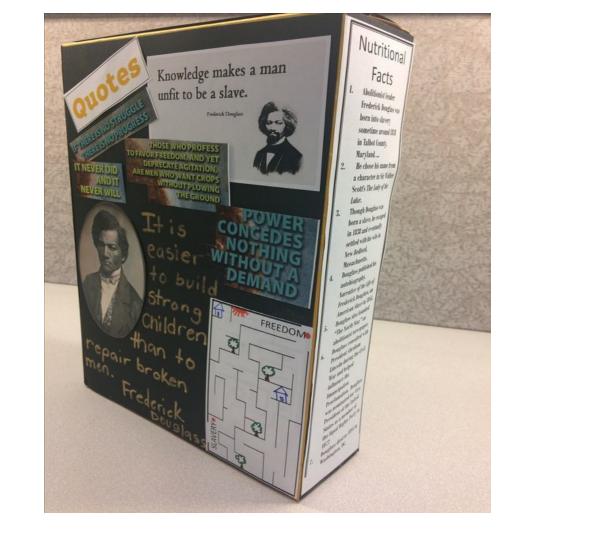
# **Phase 2: Presenting your Findings**

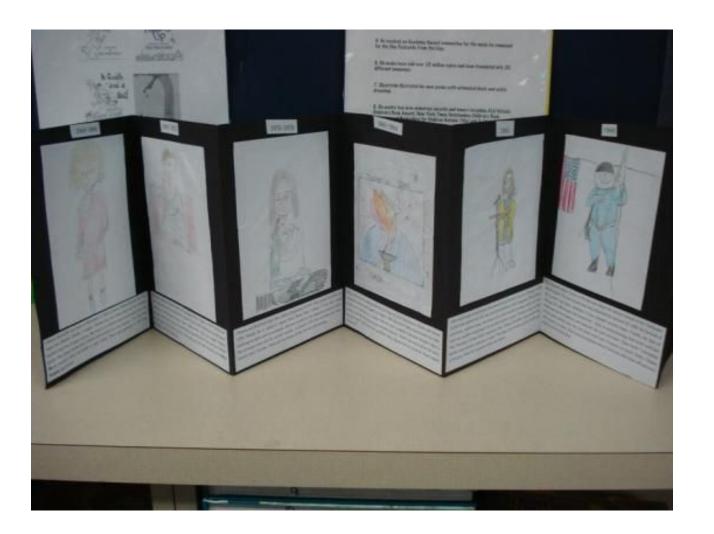
**Choose one** of the following formats to complete your changemaker project. Projects may either be typed or written neatly by hand.

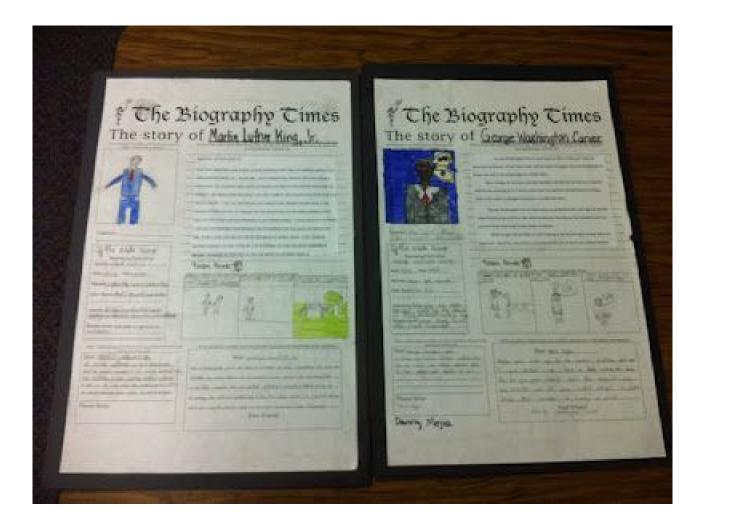
- write a commentary essay
- tell the biography of your person- narrative or report
- create a PowerPoint presentation
- create a brochure-file folder
- create a poster board display
- create a mobile- Hangers with yarn
- All About Me... write a autobiography from the Change Maker's perspective (1st person)
- Write a song
- Tell the person's story in poem verses
- Create a newspaper special edition.

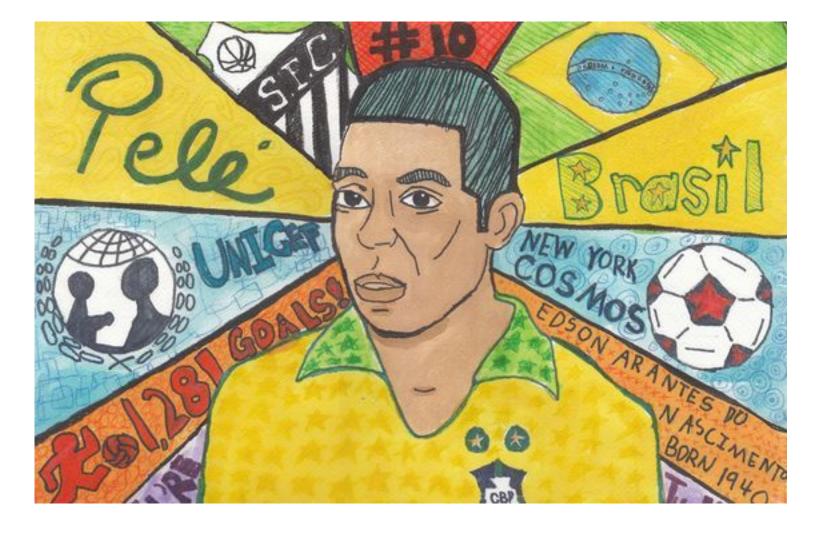
# Writing a song about your Changemaker

Rosa Parks Song









## Brochure- use a file folder





# **Changemaker Mobile**



# Write a report

#### **FRIDA KAHLO**

[1907-1954]

rida Kahlo was a Mexican painter, known for mixing traditional Mexican folk art with surrealism. Surrealism is a form of painting that is inspired by dreams and uses images that are symbolic of other things.

When Frida was young, she was enrolled in a prestigious school where she was studying medicine. While there, she was in a terrible trolley accident that broke nearly all of the bones. She healed and was able to walk again, but the pain remained with her for the rest of her life. After the accident she decided to devote herself to painting, which was what she loved to do.

At a young age she married the already famous painter Diego Rivera. His work was usually large painted murals that depicted the struggle of the working class in Mexico.

Frida's paintings, however, were much more personal. Separated many self-portraits, and also many works about her heritage. After becoming famous, she spent most of her time in the U.S. She valued the traditional Mexican way of of life, but was living in a heavily industrialized country. In one of her self portraits she is painted in the middle of the canvas; in one half the scenery behind her are metal tubes and smoke stacks on the other there are scenes of traditional Mexican life and ascient relics.

Many of Felda's paintings have symbols in them that are used repeatedly. One of the symbols she often used was a monkey that is native to Mexico. Christian symbols, such as the crucifix and the crown of thorns, are used in her work as well. The use of symbols, and the theme of identity in her work, is what caused many people to consider it surrealism. However, it is sometimes called magic realism, which is a style that shows very realistic things in unlikely situations. Many South American writers around Frida's time used this manse to describe the work they were doing.



Self-Portrait Dodicate to Dr. Elocuse



Self-Portrait on the Border Between Mexico and the United States



Self-Portrait with Thorn Nicklace and Humminghird

