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First, research the person you are assigned and write your findings here. Next, transfer your answers to the boxes on your poster. Each box on your poster should include 1-3 sentences.

FAMOUS FOR: What is the thing they are most known for?

SUCCESSES: Describe at least one major accomplishment or achievement.

FAILURES: Describe one failure or loss this person experienced.

EXPERIENCE: Explain at least two memorable life events from this person's life.

HURDLES: What struggles/obstacles did this person face or overcome?

BIRTH: List this person's birthdate and birthplace.

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QUOTE: Include one direct quote from this person that is meaningful and significant.

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CAREER: What is/was this person's occupation? How did his/her career begin and flourish?

### **PREVIEW**

INSPIRATION: Who or what inspired this person?

PERSONALITY: List at least three traits this person possesses.

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IDEALS: What does this person believe in? What are his/her morals, values, principles, or goals?

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A	AGE/DEATH DATE: How old is this person? Where are they now? If they are no longer alive, where/when/how
	did they pass away?

### **Harriet Tubman**

Famous For: What is the thing they are most known for?

Harriet Tubman is best known for her work as a "conductor" of the Underground Railroad.

Successes: Describe at least one major accomplishment or achievement.

With her smarts, boldness, unwavering faith in God, and wilderness skills, Tubman led 70 people to freedom, most of whom were family and friends, and provided instructions for 50-60 others to help them escape.

Failures: Describe one failure or loss this person experienced.

John Tubman, who was Harriet's first husband was a free Black man. John decided not to follow Harriet north in her search for freedom. When Harriet returned to Maryland two years after making her escape to fetch her husband, John was happily remarried to another woman and had no interest in resuming his prior relationship with Harriet.

**Experience:** Explain at least two memorable life events from this person's life.

Tubman made it to Philadelphia and escaped slavery, traveling alone mostly under the cover of night, in 1849.

Tubman became the first woman to lead a major military operation in the United States when she and 150 African American Union soldiers rescued more than 700 slaves in the Combahee Ferry Raid during the Civil War.

Hurdles: What struggles/obstacles did this person overcome?

Harriet refused to help an overseer stop a runaway slave. The overseer threw a two pound weight at the enslaved man, but it hit Tubman in the head instead, almost killing her. This blow to the head caused Tubman to have sleeping spells (epilepsy) her entire life.

**Birth:** List this person's birth date and birthplace.

Tubman's exact birth date is unknown, but estimates place it between 1820 and 1822 in Dorchester County, Maryland.

Quote: Include one direct quote from this person that is memorable or significant.

"I grew up like a neglected weed, – ignorant of liberty, having no experience of it. Then I was not happy or contented."

Career: What is/was this person's occupation? How did his/her career begin?

Tubman worked as a writer, nurse, spy, and social activities within her lifetime. Her careers and passion projects began shortly after her escape from enslavement.

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**Inspiration:** Who or what inspired this person?

Tubman was influenced by and worked closely with politicians, thought leaders, and intellectuals of her time. These people include Frederick Douglass, William Henry Seward, Susan B. Anthony, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and more.

## Personality: List at least three traits this person possesses.

Courage, Determination, Compassion.

Ideals: What does this person believe in? What are their morals/values/principles or goals?

Harriet believed in the pursuit of equality for all people. Tubman devoted her life to the emancipation and betterment of the African-American people.

Age/Death Date: How old is this person? Where are they now? If they are no longer alive, where/when/how did they die?

On March 10, 1913, Harriet Tubman died of pneumonia in Auburn, New York.

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