

Tombstone Activity Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Listed below are the names of some important Americans we have studied. Select one to research and conduct the itemized tasks.

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| George Washington | Francis Scott Key | Thomas Jefferson |
| Dolly Madison | Abigail Adams | Crispus Attucks |
| Alexander Hamilton | Paul Revere | Benjamin Banneker |
| Samuel Adams | James Monroe | Aaron Burr |
| Captain John Smith | Pocahontas | William Penn |
| Benjamin Franklin | Meriwether Lewis | William Clark |
| Sacagawea | Thomas Paine | Daniel Shays |
| York | Tecumseh | Andrew Jackson |
| The Prophet | Francis Cabot Lowell | Eli Whitney |
| Daniel Webster | Henry Clay | John Calhoun |

(1) _____ to _____
Year of Birth Year of Death

(2) Place of birth: _____

(3) Three most important accomplishments in life:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

(4) Two interesting things or unusual happenings in this person's life:

a. _____

b. _____

(5) Write a sentence which describes how this person positively or negatively impacted America.

(6) Using construction paper, create a tombstone which contains the person's name, dates of birth and death, one major accomplishment, and a one-sentence saying (humorous or serious) which shows this person's importance in America's history.

Sample Epitaphs

<p>The mortal remains of Ethan Allen, fighter, writer, statesman, and philosopher, lie in this cemetery beneath the marble statue. His spirit is in Vermont now. Ethan Allen (Greenmount Cemetery; Burlington, Vermont)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">... He made us laugh, he took my pain away. I love you, Lauretta. Marty Feldman. (Forest Lawn; Hollywood Hills, California)</p>
<p>Liberty, Humanity, Justice, Equality Susan Brownell Anthony (Mount Hope Cemetery; Rochester, New York)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A star on earth - a star in heaven Karen Carpenter (Forest Lawn; Cypress, California)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">"That's All Folks!" The Man of a Thousand Voices Mel Blanc (Hollywood Memorial Park; Hollywood, California)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">"The Entertainer" He did it all Sammy Davis, Jr. (Forest Lawn; Glendale, California)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The Body of B. Franklin, Printer Like the Cover of an old Book Its Contents turn out And Stript of its Lettering & Guilding Lies here. Food for Worms For, it will as he believed appear once more In a new and more elegant Edition corrected and improved By the Author Benjamin Franklin (Christ Church Burial Grounds; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In testimony of their Respect For The Patriot of incorruptible Integrity, The Soldier of approved Valour The Statesman of consummate Wisdom; Whose Talents and Virtues will be admired By Grateful Posterity Long after this Marble shall have mouldered into Dust Alexander Hamilton (Trinity Churchyard; New York, New York)</p>
<p>I had A Lover's Quarrel With The World Robert Lee Frost (Old Bennington Cemetery, Bennington, Vermont)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of American Independence, of the statute of Virginia for religious freedom, and father of the University of Virginia. Thomas Jefferson (Monticello, Virginia) {self-written}</p>
<p>I never met a man I didn't like. Will Rogers (Will Rogers Memorial; Claremore, Oklahoma) {self-written}</p>	
<p>Quoth the Raven, "Nevermore." Edgar Allan Poe (Westminster Presbyterian Cemetery; Baltimore, Maryland)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime Dean Martin (Westwood Memorial Cemetery; Los Angeles, California)</p>