

# Famous Americans

Choose a famous American that you would like to make a video about. We will use Google Image search to find and save images, search engines to find relevant information, and Windows Movie Maker to compile our video.

You will need to **answer the following questions** in your movie:

1. What is your person's name?
2. What is your person famous for?
3. Where was your person born?
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5. What type/level of education did your person have (High School Diploma, College degree, Master's Degree, etc.)? Where did they go to school?
6. What type of work went into becoming famous (sports practices 6 days a week, tutoring, voice lessons, studying, etc.)?
7. What is your person doing now (Did they pass away? If so, when and how? Are they still competing in their sport? Still singing or acting? Still inventing things? Retired?)

In addition to these facts, **your video will need to include:**

- A title or introduction
- 15 or more photos of your chosen person
- 3-5 more more interesting/important facts (what makes your person famous?)
- At least 1 TRANSITION (how does one photo move to the next?)

***We will present these to the class when we are finished.***

## **Reminders:**

- When searching for images, open the FULL-SIZE image before you save it. Do not save the small sized thumbnail, because it is a small, bad quality image.
- When adding text to your movie, remember that people need time to READ THE TEXT. Change the amount of time that the text is on the screen to allow enough time for everyone to read it.
- The pictures and text boxes automatically play for 5 seconds each. That may seem like a lot to you, while you are creating your movie, but it is really a short amount of time. You may want to consider setting the pictures to stay on the screen for a longer time.