



Grade 3 Reading Unit 5 - Biography

In this unit your child will explore the genre of biography. Students will begin to evaluate biographies to determine why a person may be important in solving problems of the past, present, or future. Students will build on critical reading skills and use an inquiry research process to determine the importance of people featured in biographies. They will work in text sets to learn about the problems of the time period and will combine reading biography and nonfiction to deepen understandings about people of importance.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Pre-reading strategies to build background knowledge
- Analyzing importance of current and historical figures
- Analyzing how hardships, challenges, and early years influence a person
- Comparing and contrasting multiple author's perspectives
- Understanding what motivates people
- Note taking
- Using an inquiry research process

Questions to ask as your child is reading at home:

- What is the author's perspective on the person you are reading about? What are your thoughts?
- What impact did this person have in the world?
- What questions do you still have about this person? What's your plan to answer them?
- What problems did this person help to solve?

Some books your child will be read in class include:

- Teammates
- Who Was Jackie Robinson?
- Mighty Jackie
- Stealing Home
- The Hero Two Doors Down

Support your child at home by talking about how people help solve problems and encourage them to find a problem that they are interested in learning more about. Examples include social justice, health and science, communication, transportation, economics, education, and inventions. As always, students should be enjoying reading a variety of genres at home.