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# Feasting with Famous Figures

## *A Thanksgiving Holiday Biography Project*

The turkey is roasting, the pies are baking, and the cranberry sauce is...well, jiggling. Thanksgiving is finally here, and as you are about to find out, this Turkey Day will be unlike any other. For this year's feast, you're inviting three special guests who will travel through time to join you! In this Thanksgiving-themed biography project, you will research the lives of three historical figures, plan out the perfect Thanksgiving dinner, and reflect on what each of your famous guests would be thankful for this holiday season!

### **Project Overview**

#### *1. Dinner Invitations / Biographies*

- a. Students will choose three famous historical figures to research for the assignment. You may choose from the list provided or find your own with teacher approval. Research each figure's life, beliefs, achievements, and experiences that shaped them into who they were.
- b. Complete the dinner for each of your famous dinner guests.

#### *2. Thanksgiving Dinner*

- a. You will plan out your Thanksgiving meal, considering what dish each of your guests would most likely bring with them.
- b. There must be conversation around your Thanksgiving table. Write out five topics that would likely be discussed amongst your guests and how each person would feel about it.

#### *3. "What I'm Thankful For" Creative Writing*

- a. Following dinner, all your guests must go around the table and tell what they are thankful for. You will write out a short paragraph from each guest's perspective, explaining what they have to be thankful for.
- b. Use your research and consider their background and life experience as you write these!

#### *4. Presentation*

- a. You will combine the steps above into a poster or presentation and present to the class.
- b. Be sure to include a picture of your guests!

### **Materials Need:**


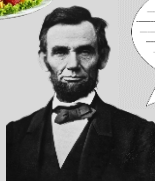
- Device and Internet access for research, posterboard (or device for slide presentation), scissors, glue, pens, markers, etc.

# List of Famous Historical Figures

- King Hammurabi
- Moses
- Ramses the Great
- Queen Hatshepsut
- Queen Nefertiti
- King Tutankhamen
- Queen Cleopatra
- Qin Shi Huangdi
- Siddhartha Gautama
- Pericles
- Aristotle
- Leonidas
- Alexander the Great
- Julius Caesar
- Jesus Christ
- Paul the Apostle
- Emperor Justinian
- Empress Theodora
- King Mansa Musa
- Charlemagne
- Joan of Arc
- Genghis Khan
- Marco Polo
- Zheng He
- Queen Isabella
- Christopher Columbus
- Vasco Da Gama
- Simon Bolivar
- Empress Wu
- King Henry VIII
- Johannes Gutenberg
- William Shakespeare
- Isaac Newton
- Galileo Galilei
- Leonardo Da Vinci
- Michelangelo
- Thomas Jefferson
- Marie Antoinette
- Napoleon Bonaparte
- Catherine the Great
- Abraham Lincoln
- Harriet Tubman
- Queen Victoria
- Queen Elizabeth I
- Shaka Zulu
- Anne Frank
- Amelia Earhart
- Winston Churchill
- Joseph Stalin
- Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Mohandas Gandhi
- Mao Zedong
- Che Guevara
- Rosa Parks
- Frida Kahlo
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Jane Goodall
- Mother Teresa
- Sally Ride
- Nelson Mandela

## Poster Example

# Feasting with Famous Figures!


**Dinner Invitation #1**

*If you're invited to Thanksgiving Dinner!*  
Please complete the background check below and \$10.00 the number of guests that will be joining you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Are You From? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_  
What are your most well-known traits? \_\_\_\_\_

What dish will you be bringing to dinner?  
Number of additional guests (up to 10): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you! We look forward to you joining us!*




**Dinner Invitation #2**

*If you're invited to Thanksgiving Dinner!*  
Please complete the background check below and \$10.00 the number of guests that will be joining you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Are You From? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_  
What are your most well-known traits? \_\_\_\_\_

What dish will you be bringing to dinner?  
Number of additional guests (up to 10): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you! We look forward to you joining us!*



**Dinner Invitation #3**

*If you're invited to Thanksgiving Dinner!*  
Please complete the background check below and \$10.00 the number of guests that will be joining you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Where Are You From? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_  
What are your most well-known traits? \_\_\_\_\_

What dish will you be bringing to dinner?  
Number of additional guests (up to 10): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you! We look forward to you joining us!*

*Conversation Topics*

1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____
5.	_____

*Instructions: Complete the Dinner Invitations from your historical figures' points-of-view.  
Cut out and attach to your poster when completed.*

# Dinner Invitation #1

*You're invited to Thanksgiving Dinner!  
Please complete the background check below and  
RSVP the number of guests that will be joining you.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Are You From? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you most well-known for?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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What dish will you be bringing to dinner?

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Number of additional guests (up to 3)? \_\_\_\_\_

Names: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you! We look forward to you joining us!*



*Instructions: Complete the Dinner Invitations from your historical figures' points-of-view.  
Cut out and attach to your poster when completed.*

## **Dinner Invitation #2**

*You're invited to Thanksgiving Dinner!  
Please complete the background check below and  
RSVP the number of guests that will be joining you.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Are You From? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you most well-known for?

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What dish will you be bringing to dinner?

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Number of additional guests (up to 3)? \_\_\_\_\_

Names: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you! We look forward to you joining us!*



*Instructions: Complete the Dinner Invitations from your historical figures' points-of-view.  
Cut out and attach to your poster when completed.*

# Dinner Invitation #3

*You're invited to Thanksgiving Dinner!  
Please complete the background check below and  
RSVP the number of guests that will be joining you.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Are You From? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

What are you most well-known for?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What dish will you be bringing to dinner?

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of additional guests (up to 3)? \_\_\_\_\_

Names: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you! We look forward to you joining us!*



*Instructions: For each of your historical figures, write a short "I'm thankful for..." paragraph from their POV. Use your research and consider their background and life experience as you write these!  
Cut out and attach to your poster (next to a picture of the historical figure)*

**I'm thankful for...**

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**I'm thankful for...**

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**Instructions:** Write five topics that your three guests would likely discuss while having dinner together. Consider what traits, beliefs, or passions they have in common, ideas that they might disagree on, or experiences relating to the time periods or regions in which they lived. Cut out and attach to your poster when completed.

## Conversation Topics

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.



# Project Rubric

	Exemplary (100%-90%)	Proficient (89%-80%)	Approaching (79%-70%)	Unsatisfactory (69%-0%)
<b>Research Content (0-60 pts.)</b>  _____/60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Content is accurate</li> <li>Content is detailed</li> <li>Content is exemplary</li> <li>Content is displayed according to directions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Content is accurate</li> <li>Content is adequate</li> <li>Content is comprehensive</li> <li>Content is displayed according to directions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Content is accurate</li> <li>Content is too basic</li> <li>Content is missing a few details</li> <li>Content is mostly displayed according to directions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Content is inaccurate</li> <li>Content lacks necessary detail</li> <li>Content is missing</li> <li>Content isn't displayed as asked</li> </ul>
<b>Organization (0- 20 pts.)</b>  _____/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Info is where it's supposed to be</li> <li>Design and writing are neat and easy to read</li> <li>Name/class period are included</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Info is where it's supposed to be</li> <li>Design and writing are adequately legible</li> <li>Name/class period are included</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Info is on the poster</li> <li>Design and writing are mostly legible</li> <li>Name/class period are included</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Info is missing</li> <li>Design and writing aren't legible</li> <li>Name and/or class period missing</li> </ul>
<b>Creativity/ Aesthetics (0-20 pts.)</b>  _____/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High level of effort apparent</li> <li>Design and writing are colorful and creative</li> <li>Organized in a pleasing manner</li> <li>Content is easy to read and flows</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effort is apparent</li> <li>Design and writing are colorful and gets the point across</li> <li>Design is organized</li> <li>Content is easy to read</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effort is so-so</li> <li>Design and writing lacks color or creativity</li> <li>Design and writing aren't organized very well</li> <li>Content is illegible or rushed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effort is embarrassing</li> <li>Design and writing have no color or creativity</li> <li>Design and writing have no obvious organization</li> <li>Content is terrible</li> </ul>

Final Score \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

