Night of the Notables Intro.

For this project you will research the life of an individual who has made a positive contribution to the world. Your goal is to write and deliver a ten minute speech in which you share with your classmates, teacher, and parents, your notable person’s life and accomplishments.

**Step 1** - Choose a notable person and have your choice cleared by your teacher.

**Step 2** - Begin reading either a biography or an autobiography. You need an in-depth knowledge of your notable person and this is best done through reading a great deal about his/her life.

**After the WASL, we will begin taking notes on your “notable”**. Center your notes around these topics:

a. **Background** (“pre-notability-childhood, family, education, etc.)

b. **Historical context** (what was going on in the world at the time of your notable’s life)

c. **Influences** (circumstances, people)

d. **Obstacles** (tough times, adversity)

e. **Accomplishments** (what your notable person did to make the world a better place) This should be the bulk of your speech

f. **Impact of accomplishments** (How did your notable person’s accomplishments change the world for the better)

g. **Other** (specific to your person)