

**Honorees:** Senator Ralph Anderson, First Lieutenant Leroy Bowman, Gwendolyn Bradley, Marie Brailey and Willie Van Brailey, Dr. William H. Carson, Nikk Finney, Vince Ford, Angela L. Walker Franklin, PH.D., Lorenzo Levon Kirkland, Otto Neals, Luther Seabrook, PH.D., CSM Gail M. Williams

**Grade Level:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**Subject:** English Language Arts

**Standard(s) Addressed:**

6-8-RL-1 Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text

6-8-RL-7 Compare and contrast the experience of reading a story, drama, or poem to listening to or viewing an audio, video, or live version, including contrasting what they “see” and “hear” when reading the text to what they perceive when they listen or watch.

**Assignment:** You will use internet and print sources to research and present a biography to the class for the AT&T Honorees chosen for 2012-2013 year. Once you’ve gathered your information (using reliable websites) you’ll create ONE of the following: voicethread slideshow, weebly website, or prezi. The final product will count as a project grade (40%).

**Research categories** 60 pts total

Points will be deducted if presentation does not meet the minimum requirement that we decide on as a class (you will write these in 1-7). They will also be subtracted if the information is not accurate. Information must be relevant and explain why this person was selected for this honor in his or her lifetime.

1. Name/ Birth date/ Death date (if applicable) (5 pts)
2. Background information (childhood, hometown, family – parents, siblings, spouse, children) (10pts)
3. What are they known for? Describe career. Who inspired them (if anyone)? (10 pts)
4. Education background. How did education impact their life? If they did not have a formal education, tell why. (5pts)
5. Obstacles they’ve encountered on the road to success. Struggles or issues? How were they resolved? (10pts)
6. Awards and Accomplishments (10pts)
7. Where are they now? If your person is still alive, describe their current status, goals, etc. If your person is dead, discuss any memorials (if applicable), scholarships, donations, etc. left in their honor. (10pts)

**Images:** 10 pts

A minimum of 4 pictures must be included. All must represent a different aspect of that person’s life. If you choose voicethread as your Web 2.0 tool, then you must have a minimum of 7 images.

**Use of:** 20 pts

\_\_\_\_\_ Weebly

\_\_\_\_\_ Voicethread

\_\_\_\_\_Prezi

**Approved websites:** MUST CITE YOUR SOURCES – go to [www.citationmachine.net](http://www.citationmachine.net) to see how to correctly cite them (or you may choose your own as long as it's approved) (10 pts)

<http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/>

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history-month>

<http://www.ncwiseowl.org/zones/middle/index.htm> (click on “student research”)

<http://www.britannica.com/>

<http://www.loc.gov/index.html>