

# KAMALA HARRIS



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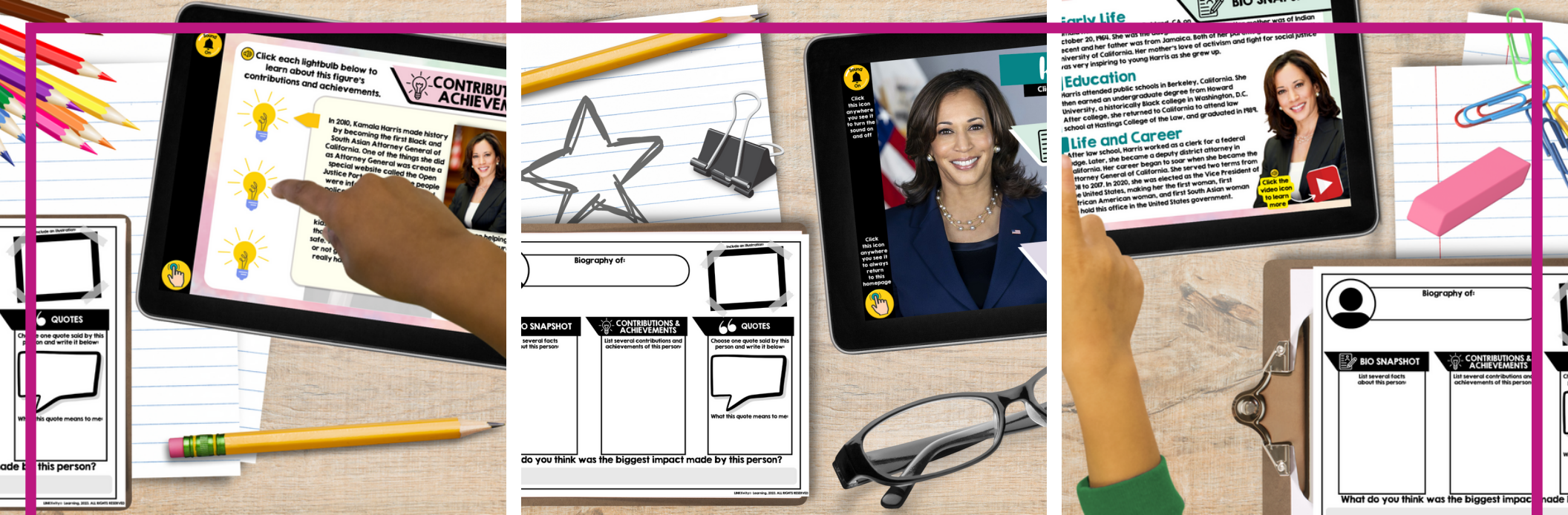
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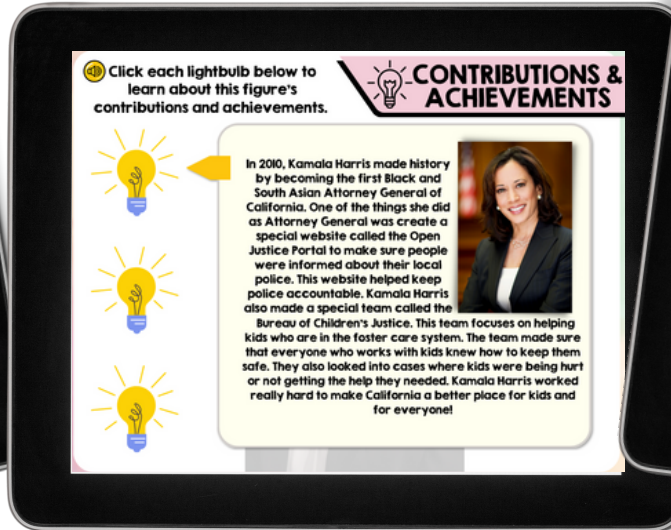


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**Kamala Harris is an American politician and attorney who made history in 2020 by becoming the first woman, first Black American, and first South Asian American to be elected as the Vice President of the United States. Harris is known for her powerful speeches and for breaking down barriers for women and minorities in politics. In this Mini-Biography LINKtivity on Kamala Harris, students will learn about Harris's early life, her accomplishments and contributions, and her on-going work in the US government.**



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### CONTRIBUTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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In 2010, Kamala Harris made history by becoming the first Black and South Asian Attorney General of California. One of the things she did as Attorney General was create a special website called the Open Justice Portal to make sure people were informed about their local police. This website helped keep police accountable. Kamala Harris also made a special team called the Bureau of Children's Justice. This team focuses on helping kids who are in the foster care system. The team made sure that everyone who works with kids knew how to keep them safe. They also looked into cases where kids were being hurt or not getting the help they needed. Kamala Harris worked really hard to make California a better place for kids and for everyone!



### BIO SNAPSHOT

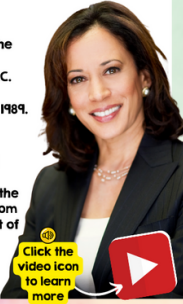
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- Early Life**

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- Education**

Harris attended public schools in Berkeley, California. She then earned an undergraduate degree from Howard University, a historically Black college in Washington, D.C. After college, she returned to California to attend law school at Hastings College of the Law, and graduated in 1989.
- Life and Career**

After law school, Harris worked as a clerk for a federal judge. Later, she became a deputy district attorney in California. Her career began to soar when she became the Attorney General of California. She served two terms from 2011 to 2017. In 2020, she was elected as the Vice President of the United States, making her the first woman, first African American woman, and first South Asian woman to hold this office in the United States government.



### QUOTES & PHOTOS

Click the < and > to see quotes.

If we do not lift up women and families, everyone will fall short.



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What I want young women and girls to know is: You are powerful and your voice matters.




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Kamala Harris has had a long career in public service. Her most significant contribution happened when she was elected Vice President of the United States in 2020. In this historic election, Kamala broke many barriers including the first woman, first Black woman, and first South Asian American woman to serve at this level of the executive branch of America's government.



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Perfect for English  
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# Student & Teacher Resources

## Recording Sheet for LINKtivity

### Lesson Plan

#### LESSON

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

What is a biography?  
Who is (specific person) and what makes him/her unique?



Note: This lesson plan can be used with any mini-biography LINKtivity.

#### Standards Covered

CCRA.R.10

#### Materials Needed

Biography LINKtivity®  
KWL student sheet  
Biography student sheet (optional)  
Chart paper/markers OR SMARTboard/Whiteboard

#### Teacher Preparation

Preview the mini-biography(ies) that you have selected for your students. Plan for how you will share the LINKtivity with students (ex. assign link in Google Classroom, prepare QR codes, etc). Prepare a KWL chart on chart paper or SMARTboard/whiteboard. Print the KWL and biography student sheets.

#### Lesson Introduction (5-10 min.)

- Introduce the essential questions.
- Introduce the person(s) your students will be exploring and provide each student with a **KWL student sheet**.
- **ASK:** What do you know about this person? What do you want to know about this person?
- Have students complete the first two columns of the chart. Note: If your whole class is exploring the same person, you can complete this chart together on a SMARTboard/whiteboard. If each student is completing a different person, have them complete a KWL for their specific person.

#### Lesson Activity (20 mins)

Have students complete a **Biography LINKtivity**, either one assigned to them or of their own selection. While navigating the LINKtivity, students have the option to complete the **biography student sheet**.

#### Optional Extension Activities

- Take virtual field trips to museums, historical sites, or places related to the person's life using a tool like Google Earth.
- Have students record a podcast episode about their person.
- Host a wax museum event where students dress up and take on the persona of their chosen individual to educate others.

#### Lesson Conclusion (2-5 min.)

Review essential questions and have students share their responses in light of what they have learned. Have students complete the final column of their KWL chart (what I learned).

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