
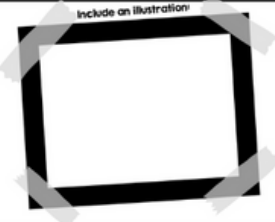




MAYA ANGELOU





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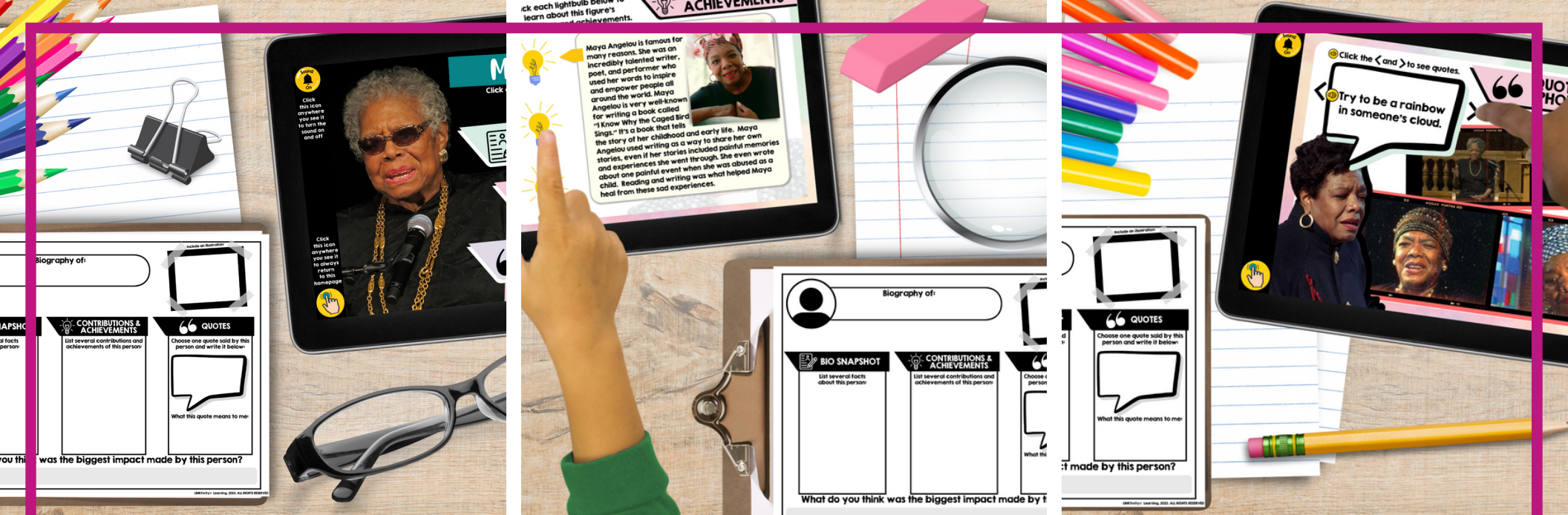
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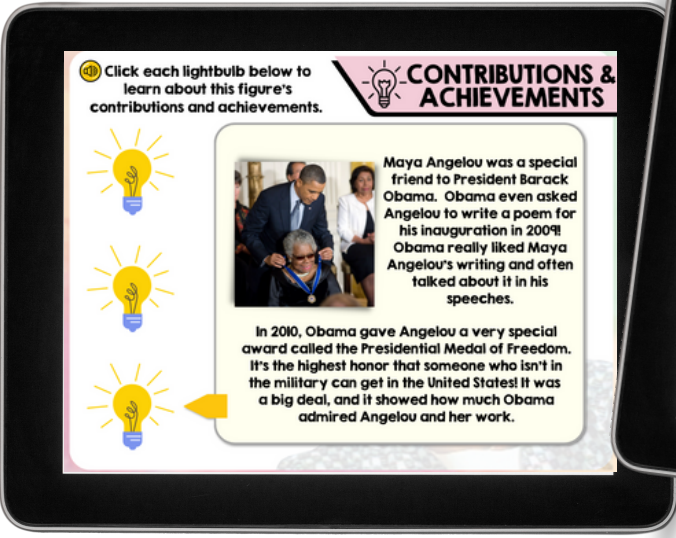


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Maya Angelou was an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She is widely regarded as one of the most influential and celebrated writers of the 20th century. Inside this Mini-Biography LINKtivity on Maya Angelou, students will learn about Maya's early life, her contributions and accomplishments in the arts as well as civil rights, and the legacy she has left for future generations.



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CONTRIBUTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Maya Angelou was a special friend to President Barack Obama. Obama even asked Angelou to write a poem for his inauguration in 2009! Obama really liked Maya Angelou's writing and often talked about it in his speeches.

In 2010, Obama gave Angelou a very special award called the Presidential Medal of Freedom. It's the highest honor that someone who isn't in the military can get in the United States! It was a big deal, and it showed how much Obama admired Angelou and her work.

Click the < and > to see quotes.

QUOTES & PHOTOS

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.







SINGER DANCER


Credit: Black History in Two Minutes of So

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Maya Angelou is famous for many reasons. She was an incredibly talented writer, poet, and performer who used her words to inspire and empower people all around the world. Maya Angelou is very well-known for writing a book called "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." It's a book that tells the story of her childhood and early life. Maya Angelou used writing as a way to share her own stories, even if her stories included painful memories and experiences she went through. She even wrote about one painful event when she was abused as a child. Reading and writing was what helped Maya heal from these sad experiences.



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QUOTES & PHOTOS

If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love.



BIO SNAPSHOT

Early Life
Maya Angelou was born on April 4, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri. Her parents named her Marguerite Annie Johnson, but her brother nicknamed her Maya. At a young age, her parents separated and Maya and her brother lived with their grandmother in Arkansas. At about 12 years old, Maya moved to San Francisco, California to live with her mother. There she completed high school.

A Women of Many Talents
In the 1950s, Angelou moved to New York City where she developed her love for singing, dancing, and writing. She was involved in the arts in many ways and often traveled around the world sharing her talents with others. She even went to Africa to write for several magazines.

From the Arts to Activism
After living in Africa, Maya Angelou returned to the United States and became involved in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. She spoke out against racism and inequality. She also continued to write, often getting asked to share her poems and other writings on a national stage. In 2022 Angelou became the first Black woman to be featured on the U.S. quarter.

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AUDIO SUPPORT



**Perfect for English
language learners or
students who could use
a little extra support!**



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

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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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Include an illustration:

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