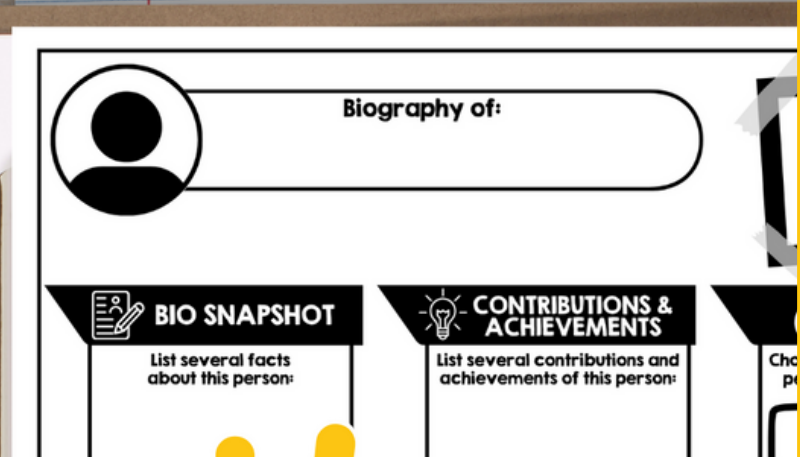


# SERENA WILLIAMS



**L**  **LNK** **tivity**  
Interactive Learning Guides

# WAIT!

Thank you for considering this LINKtivity for your classroom, but before you make a decision - you should know that you can get **access to this LINKtivity + PLUS our entire library** for about the same price as a single LINKtivity!

The results are in: **Teachers LOVE LINKtivities...** and want more! So, we've made it SUPER easy and cost effective for you to access any and ALL of our LINKtivities inside our LINKtivity Learning membership option! Instead of purchasing just ONE LINKtivity - why not get access to ALL of them... for about the SAME PRICE!



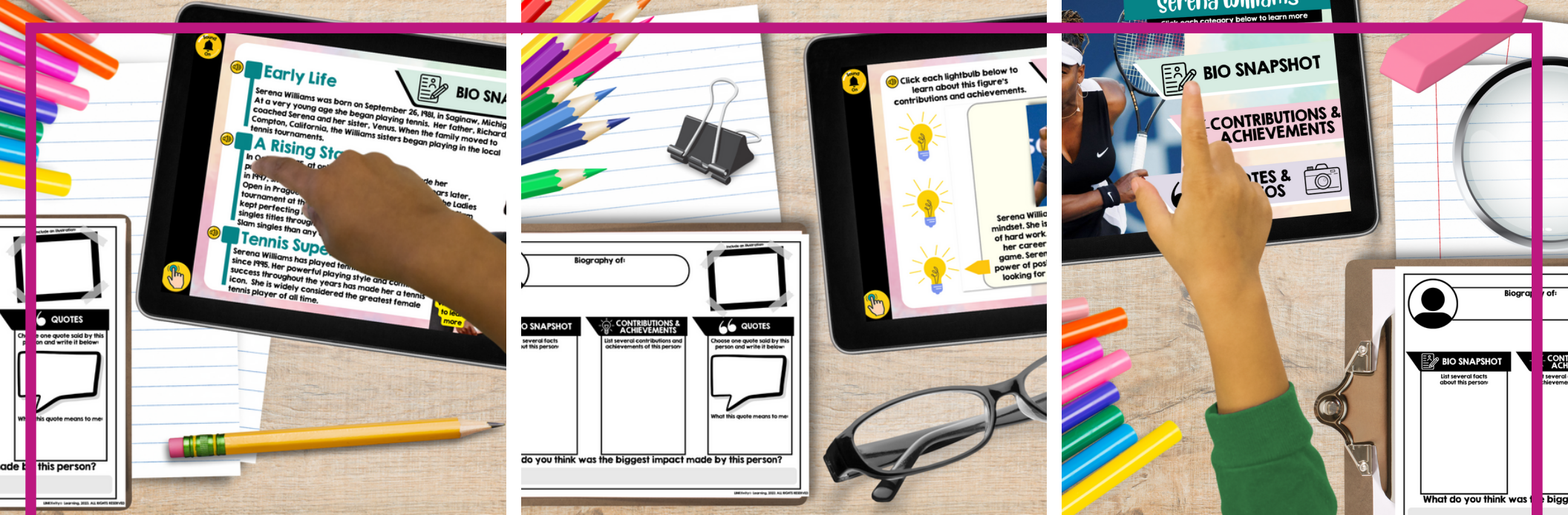
## INSIDE THE MEMBERSHIP YOU'LL HAVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO:

- ✓ The **entire growing LINKtivity® library** inside the Membership (LINKtivities for all content areas)
- ✓ ALL **future LINKtivities** to be added to the membership (new releases each month!)
- ✓ **Teacher guides** to help you set up each LINKtivity® successfully in your classroom
- ✓ **Student resources** that go along with each LINKtivity (printable OR digital)
- ✓ **Kid-friendly rubrics** and **answer keys** for each LINKtivity®

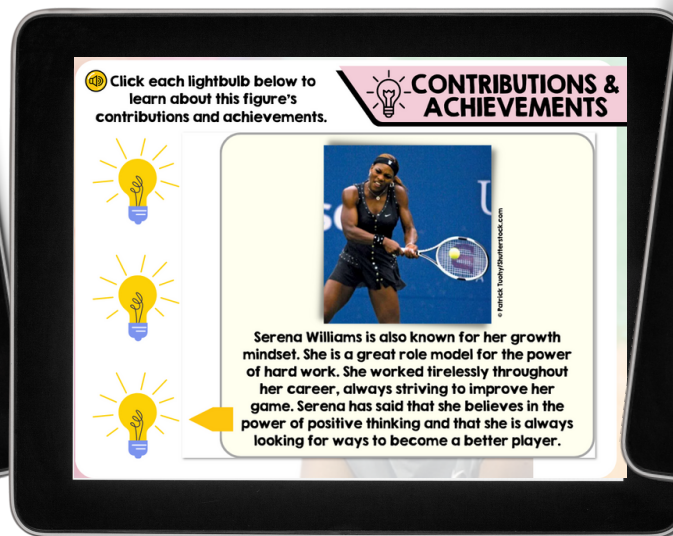


**JOIN NOW**





**Serena Williams is an American professional tennis player who is widely regarded as one of the greatest athletes of all time. Off the court, she is an advocate for women’s rights and social justice, and has used her platform to promote equality and diversity in sports and beyond. In this Mini-Biography LINKtivity, students will learn about Williams’ early life, her accomplishments and achievements, and how she continues to inspire young athletes today.**



# More Sample Slides

Click the < and > to see quotes.

**QUOTES & PHOTOS**

I don't like to lose -- at anything -- yet I've grown most not from victories, but setbacks.

Click each lightbulb below to learn about this figure's contributions and achievements.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

Serena Williams is also known for her growth mindset. She is a great role model for the power of hard work. She worked tirelessly throughout her career, always striving to improve her game. Serena has said that she believes in the power of positive thinking and that she is always looking for ways to become a better player.

Click each lightbulb below to learn about this figure's contributions and achievements.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

Serena Williams, along with her sister, Venus, became well-known names in the tennis world from a young age. From winning local tournaments to world championships, these tennis stars continued to soar. Specifically, Serena became the first African American woman to win a Grand Slam tournament since the late 1950s. She has also won four Olympic gold medals, one in singles and three in doubles, along with a silver medal in mixed doubles.

**BIO SNAPSHOT**

**Early Life**  
Serena Williams was born on September 26, 1981, in Saginaw, Michigan. At a very young age she began playing tennis. Her father, Richard, coached Serena and her sister, Venus. When the family moved to Compton, California, the Williams sisters began playing in the local tennis tournaments.

**A Rising Star**  
In October 1995, at only 14 years old, Serena made her professional debut on the tennis court. Only two years later, in 1997, she won her first professional tournament at the Ladies Open in Prague. Then, in 1999, Serena won her first Grand Slam tournament at the US Open; she was only 17 years old! Serena kept perfecting her game and went on to win 23 Grand Slam singles titles throughout her career. She won more Grand Slam singles titles than any other female player.

**Tennis Superstar**  
Serena Williams has played tennis professionally since 1995. Her powerful playing style and continued success throughout the years has made her a tennis icon. She is widely considered the greatest female tennis player of all time.

Click the video icon to learn more



Click the < and > to see quotes.

**QUOTES & PHOTOS**

You have to believe in yourself when no one else does.



This LINKtivity is provided with

# AUDIO SUPPORT



Click each lightbulb below to learn about this figure's contributions and achievements.



## CONTRIBUTIONS ACHIEVEMENT



Serena Williams is also known for her growth mindset. She is a great role model for the power of hard work. She worked tirelessly throughout her career, always striving to improve her game. Serena has said that she believes in the power of positive thinking and that she is always looking for ways to become a better player.



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

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).

Biography of: \_\_\_\_\_

Include an illustration:

**BIO SNAPSHOT**  
List several facts about this person:

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS**  
List several contributions and achievements of this person:

**QUOTES**  
Choose one quote said by this person and write it below:  
  
What this quote means to me:

What do you think was the biggest impact made by this person?

LINKtivity® Learning, 2023. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

Biography of: \_\_\_\_\_

Insert an image:

**BIO SNAPSHOT**  
List several facts about this person:

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS**  
List several contributions and achievements of this person:

**QUOTES**  
Choose one quote said by this person and write it below:  
  
What this quote means to me:

What do you think was the biggest impact made by this person?

Also available in Google Slides!

