

WANGARI MAATHAI



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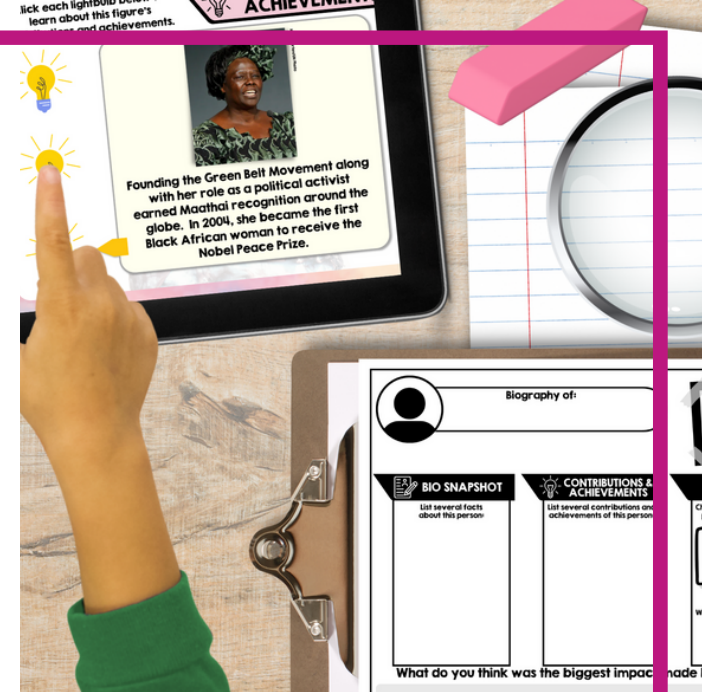
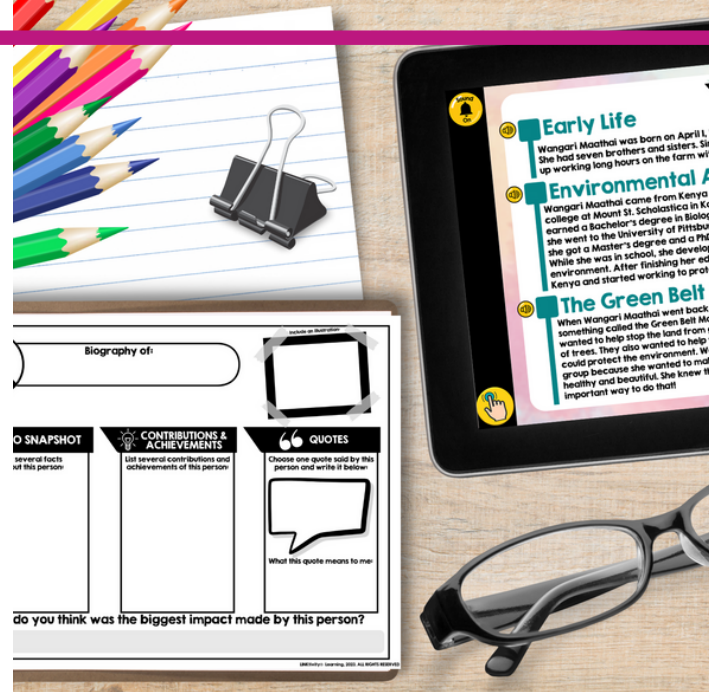
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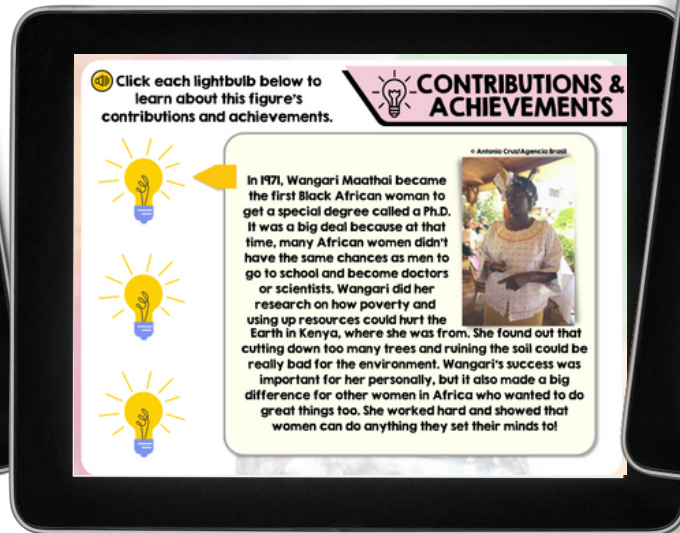


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Wangari Maathai was a Kenyan environmental and political activist who dedicated her life to promoting sustainable development, democracy, and peace. She was the founder of the Green Belt Movement, an organization that has planted over 51 million trees in Kenya and helped empower rural women through education and entrepreneurship. Maathai was also the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. Inside this Mini-Biography LINKtivity on Wangari Maathai, students will learn about the causes she fought for and the lasting legacy that she has left for future generations.





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In 1971, Wangari Maathai became the first Black African woman to get a special degree called a Ph.D. It was a big deal because at that time, many African women didn't have the same chances as men to go to school and become doctors or scientists. Wangari did her research on how poverty and using up resources could hurt the Earth in Kenya, where she was from. She found out that cutting down too many trees and ruining the soil could be really bad for the environment. Wangari's success was important for her personally, but it also made a big difference for other women in Africa who wanted to do great things too. She worked hard and showed that women can do anything they set their minds to!

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BIO SNAPSHOT

Early Life

Wangari Maathai was born on April 1, 1940, in a rural village of Kenya, Africa. She had seven brothers and sisters. Since her father was a farmer, she grew up working long hours on the farm with her family.

Environmental Activist

Wangari Maathai came from Kenya to America in 1960 to go to college at Mount St. Scholastica in Kansas. She studied a lot and earned a Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences in 1964. Then, she went to the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania where she got a Master's degree and a PhD in Biological Sciences. While she was in school, she developed an interest in the environment. After finishing her education, she went back to Kenya and started working to protect the environment there.

The Green Belt Movement

When Wangari Maathai went back to Kenya in 1977, she started something called the Green Belt Movement. This movement wanted to help stop the land from getting ruined by planting lots of trees. They also wanted to help women become leaders who could protect the environment. Wangari Maathai started this group because she wanted to make sure the Earth stayed healthy and beautiful. She knew that planting trees was a really important way to do that!




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QUOTES & PHOTOS

You cannot protect the environment unless you empower people, you inform them, and you help them understand that these resources are their own, that they must protect them.



Wangari Maathai

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Founding the Green Belt Movement along with her role as a political activist earned Maathai recognition around the globe. In 2004, she became the first Black African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

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You cannot enslave a mind that knows itself, that values itself, that understands itself.




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language learners or
students who could use
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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

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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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What this quote means to me:

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