

TAG School For Young Scholars School-Wide Project!

“Naming Your Classroom After an Important Figure!”

Due Date: Friday, September 20, 2019

Determine which public figure deserves a place of honor in our classroom.

Many places in the world are named after important people who have made an impact on society. For example, TAG is housed in an educational complex named after Tito Puente, a renown Mambo and Latin Jazz musician, born in Spanish Harlem, who transformed Latin music by creatively fusing different musical styles.

This annual school-wide project requires each class to name their classroom after an important historical figure. In order for this person to be considered, he or she **MUST** fit the following criteria:

- 1) He/she must have contributed to the world in a positive manner.
- 2) He/she must have impacted a large amount of people or made a significant difference in changing an aspect of the world for the better.
- 3) He/she must serve as a role model.
- 4) He/she can be alive or deceased.



Think of a person who fits the criteria. Please choose your figure carefully. You will be required to convince your classmates with your research, writing, and oral skills to select this influential person as the name of our classroom. Once you have decided on and researched your figure, you will use the information you have learned to write a persuasive letter that supports why your figure best deserves to have your classroom named after him/her. Remember to indicate at least **three** reasons why this person deserves this honor. Be sure to include supporting details to support your reasons. Your letter should be at least one page in length.

After completing your assignment, you will present your letter to the class. We will vote to elect one figure to hold this important title, and his/her name will be prominently displayed outside of our classroom for all to see!

This assignment will continue throughout the school year with other special projects and activities in honor of this chosen individual. Please review the rubric attached for grading criteria.

Projects **must** be submitted on time. Late assignments will be penalized.

Name _____

Persuasive Essay: Naming Your Classroom After an Important Figure

	Check Plus	Check	Check Minus
<u>Focus</u>	The writing includes a strong, convincing point of view with clear reasons that build logically from beginning to end.	The writing includes a convincing point of view with clear reasons that build logically from beginning to end.	The point of view is not convincing or and the reasons do no build logically.
<u>Content</u>	The writing includes strong researched-based facts and details from a variety of sources that support a clear point of view. There are thorough explanations and evidence for each claim.	The writing includes researched-based facts and details from multiple sources that support a clear point of view. There are explanations and evidence for each claim.	The writing barely includes researched-based facts and details that support a clear point of view. There are few explanations and evidence for each claim.
<u>Conventions</u>	The writing includes correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling throughout the essay.	The writing mostly includes correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling throughout the essay.	The writing barely includes correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling throughout the essay.
<u>Neatness</u>	This assignment is neatly typed or written.	This assignment is somewhat neatly typed or written.	This assignment lacks neatness.

Final Grade: _____

Next steps:

- _____ Organize ideas by grouping related information together
- _____ Provide relevant facts and details to support claim
- _____ Use well-chosen researched based facts from multiple sources
- _____ Include a strong point of view with sufficient explanations to support claim

- _____ Use rich and varied vocabulary throughout
- _____ Type or neatly write assignment
- _____ Use linking words to connect reasons and opinion
- _____ Use appropriate capitalization and spelling