

## Synthesizing: Biopic Posters Biographies

**Sacajawea** was a Shoshone Indian woman who was part of the Lewis and Clark expedition across the continent. She was only 16 years old when she helped Lewis and Clark's men become the first white people to reach the Pacific Ocean--and come back alive.

Sacajawea knew how to live in the wilderness. She helped Lewis and Clark talk to American Indians they met. She was the only woman on the expedition, and she carried a baby on her back the whole way.

### Timeline:

about 1788: born in Idaho area  
about 1799: kidnapped by Hidatsa Indians  
about 1801: marries French trapper Charbonneau  
1804: starts with Lewis and Clark expedition  
1805: has a baby boy  
1806: returns from expedition  
1812: dies of fever  
2000: face put on U.S. coin

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** was a leader of the fight for equal rights. Back then, black Americans did not have the same rights as white Americans. Dr. King did not think this was fair. He made great speeches and led peaceful protests to make the government change the laws. He is most famous for his speech called "I Have a Dream."

Sadly, Dr. King was killed in 1968 by someone who did not like his ideas. But other people continued his work, and today all Americans have the same rights.

### Timeline:

1929: born in Georgia  
1948: graduates from college  
1954: becomes pastor of a church  
1955: becomes leader in civil rights movement  
1964: Civil Rights Act becomes law  
1964: receives the Nobel Peace Prize  
1968: shot in Tennessee  
1983: birthday becomes a national holiday

**Albert Einstein** was one of the most famous scientists in the world. When he was a boy, he didn't like school. He loved music, math and science. Most of all he loved to think about what made things work.

Einstein is most famous for his idea  $E=MC^2$ , which explains how matter (that's just a fancy word for stuff) can be turned into energy. This discovery helped scientists build the first atomic bomb and make nuclear power plants. Einstein believed in peace and spoke out against war.

Timeline:

1879: born in Germany  
1896: goes to school in Switzerland  
1922: wins the Nobel Prize in physics  
1933: Hitler takes over in Germany  
1933: Einstein moves to United States  
1939: asks President to invent atomic bomb  
1945: asks President not to drop atomic bomb  
1955: dies in United States

**J.K. Rowling** is the author of the Harry Potter book series. Her real name is Joanne Rowling, but she uses the pen name "J.K." in case boys would not want to read a book written by a girl.

She always wanted to be a writer, and wrote her first story when she was six. The idea for Harry Potter came to her while riding a train. It took her five years to write the first book, and lots of publishers turned it down. By 2007, her seven Harry Potter books had sold over 400 million copies and she was one of the richest women in Britain.

Timeline:

1965: born in England  
1983: studies French at University  
1990: starts writing Harry Potter  
1991: moves to Portugal to teach English  
1995: finishes writing first Potter book  
1997: first Potter book published  
2001: first Harry Potter movie  
2007: last Potter book published

**Anne Bonny** had a very different life for a woman in the 1700s. She was a famous pirate of the Caribbean! She sailed with “Calico Jack” Ratham on his pirate ship *Revenge*, fighting bravely to capture ships and treasure. She dressed as a man because pirate ships did not allow women aboard.

After just a few years, she was captured and sentenced to death. But because she was going to have a baby, she was not killed with Calico Jack. Her father paid to get her out of prison, and she lived to be very old.

Timeline:

about 1700: born in Ireland

about 1702: family moves to North Carolina

1716: marries sailor and moves to Bahamas

about 1718: joins Calico Jack Ratham’s crew

1720: captured by Governor of Jamaica

1721: moves to South Carolina

1782: dies of fever

**George Washington** was known as the Father of our Country. He did many things in his life— farmer, soldier, surveyor, and the first President of the United States. As leader of the Continental Army, he was famous for his bravery and the way he cared for his troops. He didn’t even want to be paid for his job as general.

After the Revolutionary War, Washington helped write the U.S. Constitution. Americans loved him so much that he won the first election for president with 100% of the votes.

Timeline:

1732: born in the English colony of Virginia

1755: becomes a war hero

1759: marries Martha Custis

1775: leads army in Revolutionary War

1782: wins victory over British Army

1789: elected first President of the United States

1799: dies at 67 in his home Mount Vernon