

Sample Scripts

Princess Diana

My name is Princess Diana. I was born July 1, 1961 in Norfolk. I was the youngest of my two sisters, and I also had a younger brother. My parents were married at West Minster Abbey, but later divorced. I did not go to college, was not a very good student, and so I went to a boarding school. Rumors spread that I had a friendship with the Prince of Wales. The press would not stop following me everywhere. Finally, on February 24, 1981, our engagement became official, and I was married to the prince at St. Paul's Cathedral at the age of 20. We then had 2 sons. The saddest day of my life was when I got divorced because it was very hard on my boys. One day while leaving Paris I got in a limo that traveled through a tunnel and crashed. After I died, people sold my dresses, and my family was very sad. I am well known for my charity work. I visited hospitals and comforted kids that had the disease known as aids and people having surgeries. I always took my boys with me everywhere I went.

Ada Byron, Countess of Lovelace

My name is Ada Byron Countess of Lovelace. I was born in London on December 10, 1815. My family life was working on and studying mathematics. My mom urged me not to be poet like my father. I didn't go to school. I had tutors at my house. I didn't go to college either. I was best known for helping build the Morden computer, but to make it known, they replaced my name with Barbbage. He got all the credit so I never got any awards or medals. I made other designs for a flying machine and made up the designs for a computer machine. My mother married Lord Byron and had me, and then my mother left my father. I later married William King, and we had 3 kids. I died of cancer in 1852 at the age of 37. I was buried next to my father who died in Greece. I contributed to society by making the modern computer. Without my designs, you wouldn't have a computer.

George Washington

My name is George Washington. I was born in Virginia in 1732. Virginia was one of the thirteen original colonies that belonged to England. I lived on a farm, and my favorite activities were horseback riding, fishing, and hunting. My older brother was Lawrence, and he was a soldier. I did not go to school. When I was 11, my father died. When I was 16, I went to live with my brother, Lawrence. I was happy there. In 1753 I became a soldier. At that time, England and France were fighting over America. Both of the countries wanted to own this new land. England won. In 1759 I married Martha Custis. I spent 16 years



working as a farmer. In 1775 I was called to war. I would fight against England. After the war, I was elected for president. I was president for 8 years. Two years later, I died.

Florence Nightingale

I'm Florence Nightingale. I was born on May 12, 1820 in a city called Florence. After I was born, my family and I traveled to Naples. There my mother had a child named Parthenope. Two years later we went to England. When I was 16, God spoke to me and told me to come to his service. Then my family and I had a battle over whether I could be a nurse or not. My family didn't want me to be a nurse because hospitals were filthy and had rats. I won the battle and became a nurse in London at a nursing home. Then I was chosen to lead 38 nurses during the Crimean War. The nurses and I went to Turkey. There we went to a British military hospital. The military hospital was gross. The nurses and I improved the conditions of the hospitals. I lived to be 90 years old.

Jane Goodall

I was born on April 3, 1934. I grew up in Old England. My favorite books were the story of Dr. Dolittle, The Jungle Book, and the Tarzan story. When I was only 1 year old, my dad gave me a toy chimpanzee named Jubilee, and I still have it. When I was 11, I wanted to go to Africa because of the animals, but I was too young to go alone. I left England when I was 26. My mother Venne went with me, but then left. I began to study chimpanzees in Gombe, Africa National Park. I think I am unique because of my choice of a career. I completely lived with the chimps. What I learned helped people figure out how smart they were. I have earned many awards for my work. Now I travel worldwide giving speeches and raising money for chimpanzee refuges. My mother said, "Jane, if you work hard and never give up, you will always find a way."

Elvis

I'm Elvis Aaron Presley. I was born on January 8, 1935, in Tupelo, Mississippi. I had an identical twin, Jesse Garon that died at birth. I had no other siblings and grew up as an only child. When I was ten, I was in a singing contest at a fair, and I got 5th prize which was \$5.00, and I got to ride all the rides for free. I was 11 when my parents bought my first guitar. I went to Humes High School and did well too. Later, on March 26, 1955, I made my first television show appearance on "Louisiana Hayride".

I was well known for being a rock star. I wrote "Hound Dog" and sung it to a hound dog. I wrote "Heartbreak Hotel" and it was a number one hit. People thought I was their idol. I made 36 movies in my life. I sold over one billion records worldwide. I like to eat fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches.



I gave money to people because I know how it feels growing up without money. I gave a concert in Hawaii once and gave all the money for a Pearl Harbor memorial. For people that needed help I paid hospital bills, bought homes, and supported families- I liked to help lots of regular people.

I died August 16, 1977. Even today people recognize me and like to dress up like me.

Madam C.J. Walker

I, Madam C.J. Walker, was born on December 23, 1867, near Delta, Louisiana. My real name was Sarah Breedlove. I was orphaned at the age of seven and raised by my older sister. In 1801 I married a man by the name of Moses McWilliams, but he died leaving me with our one daughter. I used to be a washer woman and worked in St. Louis, Missouri. I developed and started selling a line of hair care products. In 1905 I moved to Denver, Colorado where I met and married Charles J. Walker, a newspaperman. That's how I got the name Madam C.J. Walker. I was always interested in hair, but did not like to buy hair care products in the stores. The reason for this is because the products did not work on my hair very well. I sold my products to other African American women. Women liked the way my products made their hair look. I opened a factory in Indianapolis, Indiana to make my products. I am generally regarded as the first African American woman to become a millionaire. I operated a successful cosmetology company, the Madam C.J. Walker Manufacturing Company.

Mary Cassatt

Hello! I'm Mary Cassatt. I was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on May 22, 1844. I'm the daughter of a wealthy American merchant. When I was seven, my parents and I went to Paris, France and lived there for five years. Then we went back to Pennsylvania. I was tutored privately in art in Philadelphia and went to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in 1861, but I left in 1865 because I liked learning on my own. In 1874 I went to Paris, France and made my studio there. I made a painting called Woman Bathing. I was very good at drawing. Soon after 1900, my eyesight began to fail, and by 1914 I had stopped working. I urged my American friends and family to buy Impressionist paintings. I died near Paris, France, in Chateau de Beaufieshe, on June 14, 1926. I let people know that women can be artists too.

T.C. Steele

I was born in Gosport, Indiana on September 11, 1847. I grew up on several farms with my four brothers in western Indiana. My father died when I was 14. While I took on more work on the farm, my mom and my teacher always encouraged me to draw. I did well in



school. While I was only 13, I taught an art class. Later in my life I went to the Royal Academy in Munich, Europe. When I'm not painting I'm usually reading or singing. I'm well known for my portrait and landscape paintings. I won awards at the Royal Academy and at exhibits. Some people consider me to be one of the best painters from the west. My friends and I painted pictures for Wishard Hospital to make the sick feel better.

Queen Jadwiga

I, Queen Jadwiga, was crowned on 1384 at the age of eleven. I was the first lady to rule Poland. I was destined to become the greatest queen in Polish history. I was the Grand niece of Casimir the Great, the youngest daughter of Louis the Great, King of Hungary, and I had three sisters. I gave away my jewelry and expensive clothes to make schools in Poland. I am very religious, and I love speaking other languages. I was born on February 18, 1374, in Buda. I did not go to college. I had teachers come to my castle and teach me. People say that I was a very good queen. I was very tall at 5 feet 10 inches. That was very very tall for that time period.

Jennie Finch

Hello. My name is Jennie Finch. I was born on September 3, 1980, in LaMirada, California. My first softball team was called Lill Miss T-ball, and I joined it after my fifth birthday. Within just a few years, my dad built a batting cage in my backyard, and I had my own pitching coach. I was an excellent student in school while still working on my softball skills in all my spare time. When it was time for me to go to college, I decided on the University of Arizona after being heavily recruited by their coach, Mike Candrea. In 1999, as a freshman at Arizona, I was voted NCAA Region 2 Most Outstanding Player, and received the same award the following year. After I graduated, I did an internship at the Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind, and was offered a job as assistant coach with the Arizona team. The 2004 Olympics were quickly approaching which was my top priority. In the summer of 2002 I met a minor league pitcher by the name of Casey Daigle, who I later married in 2005, after the 2004 Olympics where we won the gold medal on sacrificing one run. Just over a year later, Casey and I had our first child named Ace. I was back on the field in less than a month. In my spare time I spend time at the Boys and Girls Club of America and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation where we work to create baseball and softball programs and facilities that positively impact disadvantaged youth.

Jackie Robinson

My name is Jackie Robinson. I was born on January 31, 1919, in Cairo, Georgia. My family was poor. My father left when I was 16 months old, and my mother moved our family



to California. My hobbies were playing sports, I ran track, and I played football and basketball in college. I also joined the Army. I didn't graduate from college, but I did get married and had three children. Their names were Sharon, David, and Jackie Jr. I was famous for being the first African American to join the major leagues in 1947. Blacks and whites didn't have the same rights back then so this was a big deal. I was given the Rookie of the Year Award and the Dodgers became league champions in 1947, my first year on the team. I was the first baseball player to have my picture on a US stamp. I was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1962 and died a hero in 1972.

Frida Kahlo

Hola! I'm Frida Kahlo, and I'm a Mexican artist. I was born in 1907 and died in 1954 at the age of 47. I grew up during the Mexican Revolutionary War. I wanted to be a doctor, but I was in a very bad train accident when I was 18. I got married to Diego Rivera when I was 22. We had some problems and got divorced. Then we got married again, and we never stopped loving each other. Diego and I were both famous artists, but he painted murals, and I painted individual paintings. I use my art to tell my feelings. To me art is a way of telling stories. I told about my pain and way of life in my art. I always wanted to have children, but I never could because of the train accident. I was born in Mexico. I moved to the United States, and I traveled to Paris, France. Some of my paintings are surreal, and most have to do with my feelings.

Rosa Parks

Some people know me as Rosa Parks. I was born in Tuskegee, Alabama. My family was poor, and we lived on a farm with my grandparents. As a child, one important thing that I did was help work in the fields to pick cotton to support the family. I did well in school. I attended the all black Booker T. Washington Junior High, the Alabama State Teachers' College for Negroes, and at the age of 16 I had to leave school to take care of my sick grandmother. I was involved in the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). I was well known for not giving up my seat on the bus to a white man. Cleveland Avenue in Montgomery, Alabama was renamed Rosa Parks Boulevard. In 1996 President Bill Clinton rewarded me the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1999 I was honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest recognition a United States civilian can receive. One man said about me, "She stood up for the American ideals of equality and justice." I joined the Montgomery Voters League, a group of motivated black people to register to vote. The Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development was founded in February 1987. Today I wouldn't say I'm legend, nor would I say such a title is important. I



merely want all people to be free and to live by the Golden Rule: to act toward others the way you want them to act toward you.

Neil Armstrong

Hello! I am Neil Armstrong. I was born on August 5, 1930 in Ohio. I was the oldest of three children. I had a younger brother and sister. When I was a kid, I loved airplanes. I paid 10 cents for a model airplane kit. When I was 11, I asked my mom and dad if I could take flying lessons for \$9.00 an hour. My parents said yes, but I would have to work 25 hours a week for the money. I was an Eagle Scout. At age 16 I got my airplane license. In college I was in the U.S. Navy as a flying pilot. On July 16, 1969 at age 32, NASA launched the Apollo 11 to the Moon. I was the commander. I had a famous speech and I said, "That's one small step for man, but one giant leap for mankind." After being an astronaut, I taught aerospace engineering at the University of Cincinnati.

Virginia Apgar

Hello! My name is Virginia Apgar, but my friends call me Ginny. I was born June 7th, 1890, in Westfield, New Jersey. When I was little, I liked to play the cello and violin, and I continued playing and even building stringed instruments in my adulthood. In high school I decided to be a doctor because of my eldest brother's early death from tuberculosis. With many scholarships, I attended Mount Holyoke College, performed in the orchestra, and graduated with a degree in zoology. Just before the Wall Street crash that marked the beginning of the Great Depression, I entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, graduating 4th in my class. I decided to specialize in anesthesia. I became very interested in newborn babies' health because many newborn babies were dying at this time. I came up with a simple test called the Apgar score, named after me. I made many contributions to society. I focused on public health and preventing birth defects. I became a senior executive with the National Foundation of the March of Dimes. I educated the public about what causes birth defects, and I raised money for more medical research. Because of my extensive research with newborns, I am considered the founder of neonatology. This has had a lasting benefit and led to a dramatic decrease in newborn deaths. I died August 7, 1974, at the age of only 65.

