



Figure and Set Summary

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A. Historical Figures

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B. Set Pieces and Props

Backdrops

1. Interior
2. Landscape
3. Green Screen
4. Curtain

Set Pieces

1. Bookshelf
2. Fence
3. Bush
4. Blackboard
5. Window
6. Table
7. Round Table
8. Podium
9. Tree
10. Flag

Props

1. Quill
2. Pen
3. Scroll
4. Gavel
5. Pointer
6. Globe
7. Lantern
8. Compass
9. Peanut Plant
10. Kite
11. Key
12. Mirror
13. Open Book
14. Closed Book

C. Pre-Loaded Teleprompter Content

Tutorial

Move the LEFT THUMBSTICK to the RIGHT to scroll to the next page.
Welcome to the Teleprompter! Do you have any notes that you'd like to look at while you're recording your speech? If you do, put your notes in a .txt file and drop the file into the folder called "Project-Notes-Here". You can find it in your computer's "Documents/HistoryMaker VR/Your Class/Your Account/Your Project" folder. After you restart the game, your notes will be loaded into this teleprompter and you'll be ready to go. We've loaded up a few sample files to help you get started.

Benjamin Franklin

BENJAMIN BIO

I am Benjamin Franklin. I am a politician, writer, inventor, and businessman. I am perhaps best known for using a key and kite to draw lightning out of the clouds. Based on that, I came up with a way to use iron rods to protect buildings from lightning strikes. More recently, I helped Thomas Jefferson and three others draft our Declaration of Independence. I have signed not only that but also our new Constitution and the Treaty of Paris. Not many people can say they signed all three!

BENJAMIN QUOTE

"Libraries have improved the general conversation of the Americas, made the common tradesmen and farmers as intelligent as most gentlemen from other countries, and perhaps have contributed in some degree to the stand so generally made throughout the colonies in defense of their privileges."

BENJAMIN PROMPT 1

Tell us about the experiment or invention you liked working on the most.

BENJAMIN PROMPT 2

Act out giving copies of *Poor Richard's Almanac* to your fellow citizens. Why should they read it?

Harriet Tubman

HARRIET BIO

I am Harriet Tubman. I escaped slavery when I was young, and returned over and over to help more than 300 other people escape to freedom. I was conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years. During the so-called "Civil War" I acted as a spy, a scout, and a nurse for the Union Army. Now the war is over, but my work is not. My health is not always good, but I still advocate for women's suffrage and working to establish homes for the homeless and for the aged.

HARRIET QUOTE

“I was conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can’t say-- I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger.”

HARRIET PROMPT 1

What tactics did you use to avoid capture when leading others to freedom?

HARRIET PROMPT 2

What is your opinion of the modern civil rights and women’s rights movements? If you could talk to them, what would you say?

Abraham Lincoln

ABRAHAM BIO

I am Abraham Lincoln. As a young boy, I grew up in a log cabin and worked hard on my family’s farm. I educated myself with any books I could find. Eventually I became a lawyer and politician. After years of service in the House of Representatives, I am now the President of the Union. There is nothing more important to me as President than the preservation of this country. I will support abolition only when our Union is strong. It is not a stance we can adopt weakly.

ABRAHAM QUOTE

“I am naturally anti-slavery. If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong. And yet I have never understood that the Presidency conferred upon me an unrestricted right to act officially upon this judgement and feeling. It was in the oath I took that I would, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

ABRAHAM PROMPT 1

In your view, what events led up to the Civil War?

ABRAHAM PROMPT 2

What do you think of the way America has changed since your death?

Abigail Adams

ABIGAIL BIO

I am Abigail Adams. I never had a formal education, but I made up for that by reading quite a lot. After I married my husband, John Adams, I managed our family farm and raised our children. Now, John is the second president of the United States. Through him, I often talk with other leaders of our country, including Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. I also talk to other first ladies, such as Dolley Madison. In our conversations, I tell them how important it is for women to have access to education.

ABIGAIL QUOTE

"In the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the Ladies we are determined to foment a Rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any Laws in which we have no voice, or Representation."

ABIGAIL PROMPT 1

What do you think of the Constitution and Bill of Rights? How would you have written them differently?

ABIGAIL PROMPT 2

What do you think of social media? Do you think our private lives have become less separate from our public lives?

Mark Twain

MARK BIO

Ladies and Gentlemen, I don't mean to mislead you, but my name is not actually Mark Twain. My real name is Samuel Clemens. You might know me for my works of fiction, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. They have been quite successful. In fact, I just started my own publishing company, the Charles L. Webster Company. I hope it will give me the power to publish the things I believe are important. I also think it will make me a large profit when we publish popular books.

MARK QUOTE

"I have, in my time, succeeded in writing some very poor stuff, which I have put in pigeonholes until I realized how bad it was, and then destroyed it. But I think the poorest article I ever wrote and destroyed was better worth reading than any interview with me that was ever published."

MARK PROMPT 1

You've met many different types of people and travelled all over the country. Which people or places have changed your views the most?

MARK PROMPT 2

What social media platform would you most like to use? What would you use it to say?

George Washington Carver

GEORGE BIO

I am George Washington Carver. I have always understood that education can change your life. Born to a family of slaves, I made sure to focus on learning and eventually earned my college degree. Now I am a professor, researcher, and inventor. I write papers on crop rotation and the various uses for peanuts. I am especially proud of the many peanut recipes I collected and shared with poor farmers. I am best known for getting members of Congress to make it harder to import peanuts. They thought I was so interesting that they let me talk as long as I wanted! Since then I have become a well known figure, but not everything the press prints about me is true.

GEORGE QUOTE

"I am engaged in agricultural research work, and I have given some attention to the peanut, but not as much as I expect to give. I am especially interested in southern crops and their possibilities, and the peanut comes in, I think, for one of the most remarkable crops that we do not already know, and you will also observe that it has possibilities that we are just beginning to find out."

GEORGE PROMPT 1

How can farmers be more self-sufficient? How would that improve their quality of life?

GEORGE PROMPT 2

Tell us about your favorite experiment. What would you do differently if you had modern tools?

Tecumseh

TECUMSEH BIO

I am Tecumseh, Chief of the Shawnee. Alongside my brother Tenskwatawa, "The Prophet," I organized all of the Indian tribes in this area to stop the white people from taking and selling our land. I want the land to belong to everyone. That way, none of it can be sold unless everyone agrees to it, including us. I believe in this so strongly that I was part of a battle that led to the War of 1812.

TECUMSEH QUOTE

"We defy a living creature to say we ever advised any one to make war on our white brothers. It has constantly been our misfortune to have our views misrepresented to our white brethren; this has been done by pretended chiefs of the Potawatomis, who are in the habit of selling land to the white people that did not belong to them."

TECUMSEH PROMPT 1

What do you think of the relationship between Native Americans and the United States?

TECUMSEH PROMPT 2

Talk to young people about why it is important to stand up for what you believe in.

Sonia Sotomayor

SONIA BIO

My name is Sonia Sotomayor, and I am a Supreme Court Justice of the United States of America. I was raised in a Bronx public housing project. Later, I studied

at two of the nation's finest universities. After that I worked as an assistant district attorney. I prosecuted violent crimes that harm our communities. Eventually President Barack Obama nominated me to the Supreme Court. When he did I had my hand over my chest, trying to calm my beating heart. It was the culmination of what I had worked for since I was 10.

SONIA QUOTE

"I realized that people had an unreal image of me, that somehow I was a god on Mount Olympus. I decided that if I were going to make use of my role as a Supreme Court Justice, it would be to inspire people to realize that, first, I was just like them and second, if I could do it, so could they."

SONIA PROMPT 1

How did your early life influence how you approach your work as a Justice?

SONIA PROMPT 2

Encourage a young person who wants to make a difference.

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