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### Biography Hanger

Open up your closets and retrieve wire hangers to create people-like figures that can hang or stand up by themselves. Left in original hanger shape, they can be hung on hooks in the classroom or tacked to bulletin boards. For the stand-up version, simply fold in the two "arms" of the hanger and you have created figures that can sit on windowsills, students' desks, or in the showcase!

#### Materials

- ☐ Wire hanger (thin one work best)
- ☐ Large piece of construction paper (18" x 24")
- ☐ Heavy-duty tape or glue
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ 5 index cards



#### Project Idea: *Life at the Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* (select one)

Orville and  
Wilbur Wright

Louis Sullivan

George Eastman

Booker T.  
Washington

W.E.B. Du Bois

Ida B. Wells

Joseph Pulitzer

Mark Twain

William R.  
Hearst

Bill Robinson

John L. Sullivan

Scott Joplin

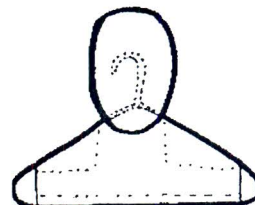
Babe Ruth

Daniel Burnham

Thomas Eakins

#### Directions

1. Center a hanger on the large piece of construction paper. Be sure the hook extends over the top edge.
2. Fold the along the angle to cover the "shoulder" wires.
3. Use tape to secure the paper.
4. Turn the covered hanger over. (This piece represents an upper torso.)
5. Cut out a circle or oval about 4 or inches in diameter.
6. Tape the circle onto top of the Hanger. (This piece represents a head.)
7. Decorate, or "dress", the pieces to resemble a person.



#### Developing Your Research Project:

3. **Research:** The object of a research project is to research a topic. Utilize book and article databases at the library, reputable websites, encyclopedias (**NOT Wikipedia!!**) and other reference books, peer-reviewed magazines, and biographies. Find as much as possible written about your topic and make a copy or print a copy of the page. Use the index cards to write your bibliographical information on as your research your topic.

Card 1: Biography

Card 2: Historical/Personal Influences

Card 3: Educational Background

Card 4: Movements/Historical Accomplishments

Card 5: Thesis Statement

2. **Write your Thesis Statement:** This is one of the most important parts of the writing process. You are to write one sentence that states your main point or subject. Remember that you have to be able to prove, using your research, anything you say in your thesis statement.