

## Freedom Lesson: Freedom to Explore

Fourth grade

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### Standards 4th Grade

#### Information Literacy

| Benchmark B | Benchmark C | Benchmark D | Benchmark E         |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 2, 3, 4     | 1           | 4           | 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 |

#### Technology literacy

| Benchmark A | Benchmark B |
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| 1, 2, 3, 4  | 1, 2, 3     |

#### Media Literacy

##### Benchmark A

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#### Objective:

Students will explore the variety of ways they can become a pioneer.

Students will examine the lives of various pioneers and find similarities and differences.

#### Suggested Readings

Adair, Gene. George Washington Carver: Botanist (Black Americans of Achievement). United States of America: Chelsea House Publications, 1990. S417.C3 A63 1989

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Lowery, Linda. Aunt Clara Brown: Official Pioneer (On My Own Biography). Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1999. F785.N4 L69 1999

Ptacek, Greg, and Ethlie Ann Vare. Women Inventors & Their Discoveries (Profiles). London: Oliver Pr Inc, 1993. T39 .V37 1993

Coles, Robert. Story Of Ruby Bridges, The (bkshelf) (Scholastic Bookshelf). New York: Scholastic Paperbacks, 2004. F379.N59 N33 1995

Lasky, Kathryn. Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker. Cambridge: Candlewick, 2003. HD9970.5.C672 W3547 2000

Swoopes, Sheryl. Hoops with Swoopes. New York: Jump At The Sun, 2001. GV885.1 .K85 2001

Nelson, Kadir, and Ntozake Shange. Ellington Was Not a Street. New York: Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2004. PS3569.H3324 E45 2004

Stauffacher, Sue. Nothing but Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson. New York: Knopf Books For Young Readers, 2007. GV994.G53 S72 2007

Weatherford, Carole Boston. I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer. New York: Walker Books for Young Readers, 2007.

Robinson, Sharon. Promises To Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America. New York: Scholastic, 2004. GV865.R6 R5945 2004

Krull, Kathleen. WILMA UNLIMITED How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman. New York: Harcourt Children's Books, 1996. GV1061.15.R83 K78 1996

Lyons, Mary E.. Catching the Fire Philip Simmons, Blacksmith. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1997. NA8392.S57 L96 1997

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Week 1

Student will discuss the differences/similarities between inventors and pioneers. Using a variety of books they will list the similarities of achievement between the two groups.

Working with their table they will pick a pioneer on which they will create a reader's theater script using book, internet or other community resources they will write a short reader's theater script to illustrate their findings.

Week 2

The students will finish writing their script and begin practicing their reader's theater.

Week 3

Students will practice their reader's theater script and present to the group.

Week 4

Students will discuss the various people highlighted in the various reader's theater selections. What were common themes from the stories? How can we identify with them today?

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