

Biographies in Newspapers

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CCSS: using informational texts

Newspapers are ideal sources for reading/teaching the biography genre.

- Find the short biographies in your newspaper. Write the headline and/or subhead.
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- Also, cut out, cut and paste, draw and/or describe any photo or illustration. If no drawing or photo appears with the story, search for one online. Draw, paint or otherwise construct a likeness of the person or something he/she did that's significant. Or, look for caricatures in political cartoons and/or draw your own.

- Please note whether the biographies deal with people who are well known or people whose contributions are not well known. Divide into categories, such as famous or not famous.

- Possible tasks:
 - Keep a file of newspaper biographies. Students can use the biographies as models for interviewing people in their lives and creating short biographies.

 - Explore the ncpressfoundation.org website for tributes to NC Journalists, written by the late Roy Parker Jr., and other summaries about journalists inducted into the NC Journalism Hall of Fame. <http://ncpressfoundation.org/nc-newspaper-history/>

 - Also, look for North Carolinians of Note, which are profiles written by students in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC. <http://ncpressfoundation.org/north-carolinians-of-note/>