



Pumpkin Biography Project

Summary

You will be reading several short online biographies about one well-known person of your choosing (dead or alive). You will be turning in an "Important Person Poem" and a completed response sheet. After you have finished researching and writing your Important Person Poem, you can choose to decorate a pumpkin so that it resembles the person you researched. The pumpkin will be extra credit.

Research

Go to www.nettrekker.com and in the "My Tools" box on the right side, select "Famous Person." Choose someone who you would like to learn more about (we will discuss this in class).

Famous Person Pumpkin

Find a two to five pound pumpkin. **DO NOT CARVE IT!** Decorate the outside of the pumpkin to look like the person you researched. You may use permanent marker, material, felt, paint, yarn etc. **BE CREATIVE!** With your pumpkin, you must include an index card with the following information: the person's name and the dates he/she was born and died. See sample pumpkins on our class website!



Important Person Poem

Margaret Wise Brown was the author of a book entitled The Important Book. Use this as a model and write a poem entitled "The Important Thing" using your famous person as the subject of the poem. Turn in your final copy on the attached scroll paper. You may use your neatest cursive, or type your poem.

Example:

The important thing about _____ is that s/he _____.
(what s/he is famous for)

He _____. (list one thing s/he did)

He _____. (list another thing s/he did)

He _____. (list a third thing s/he did)

But the important thing about is that he was _____. (what s/he is famous for)

Here is an example poem:

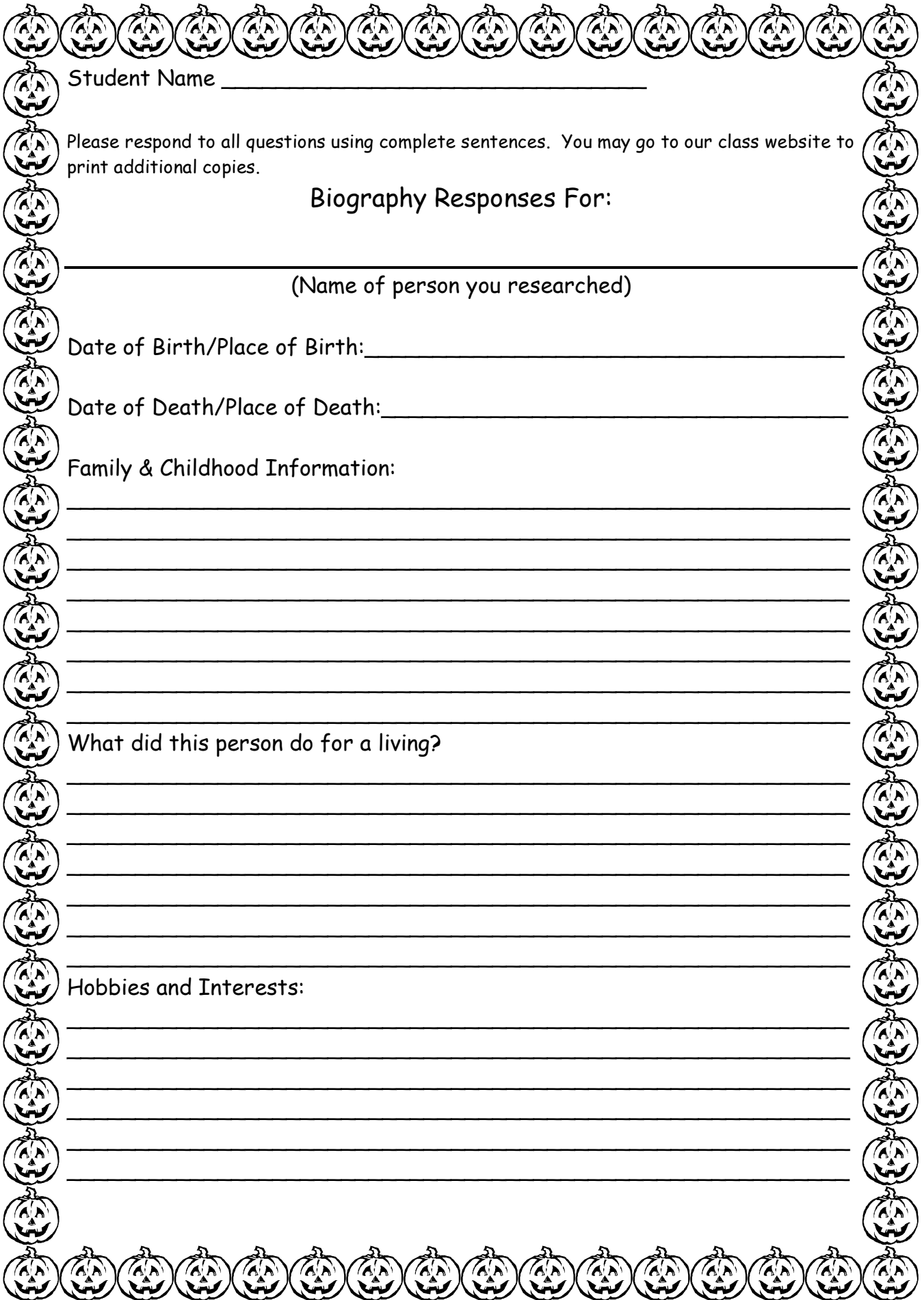
The important thing about Sir Francis Drake is that he was an English explorer.

He was the first Englishman to circumnavigate the world.

He followed secret orders from Queen Elizabeth as a pirate who attacked Spanish ships and towns.

He later became Vice-Admiral of the English navy as commanded by the queen.

But, the most important thing about Sir Francis Drake is that he defeated the Spanish Armada and kept England safe.



Student Name _____

Please respond to all questions using complete sentences. You may go to our class website to print additional copies.

Biography Responses For:

(Name of person you researched)

Date of Birth/Place of Birth: _____

Date of Death/Place of Death: _____

Family & Childhood Information:

What did this person do for a living?

Hobbies and Interests:



Major Accomplishments - Why the person is famous





How has this person made an impact on others' lives?





Interesting Information & Other Facts





Famous Quotes by this Person

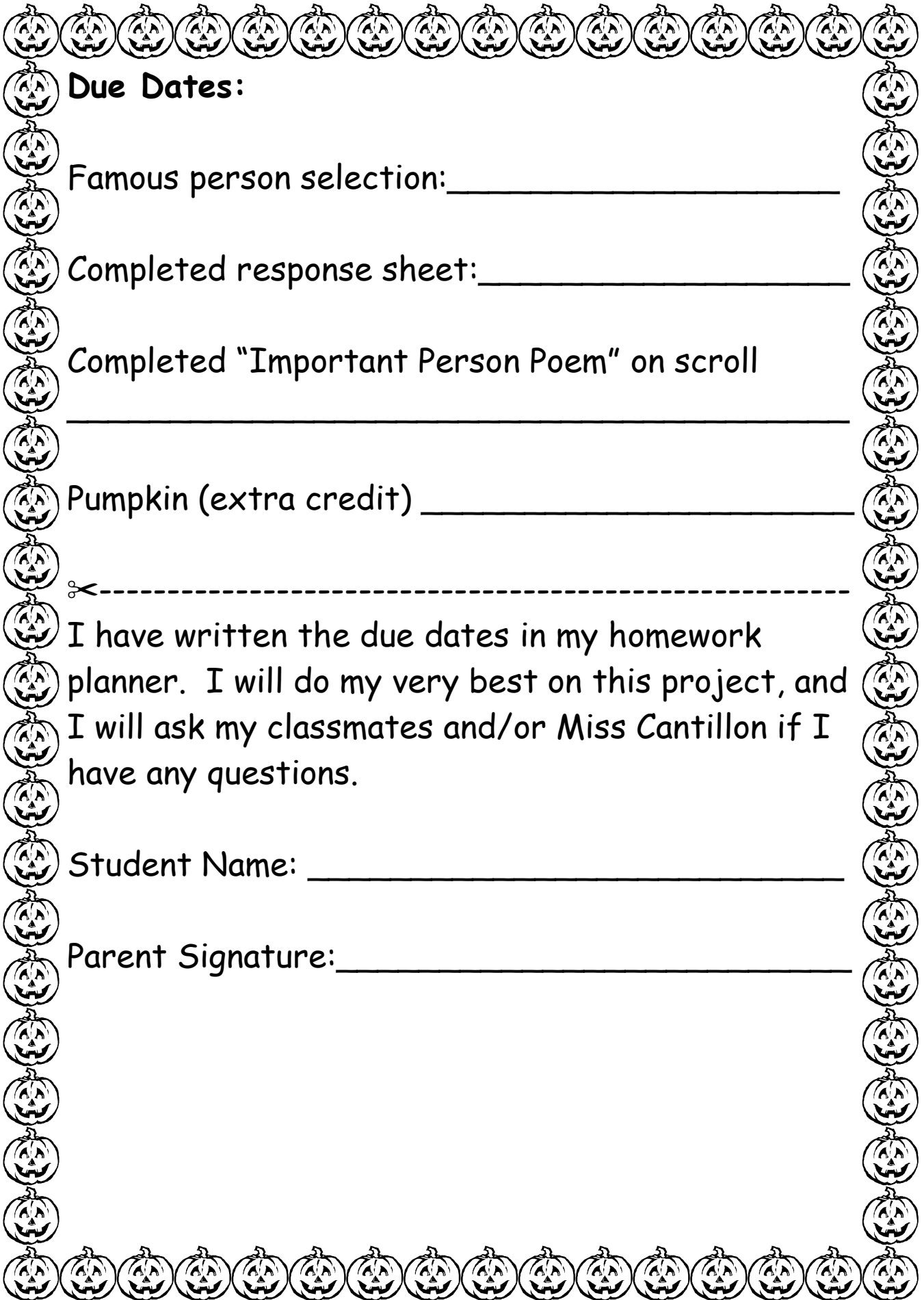




Works Cited:







Due Dates:

Famous person selection: _____

Completed response sheet: _____

Completed "Important Person Poem" on scroll

Pumpkin (extra credit) _____

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I have written the due dates in my homework planner. I will do my very best on this project, and I will ask my classmates and/or Miss Cantillon if I have any questions.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____