Each Who Was? book offers a detailed account of a famous figure’s life and historical period. From artists to astronauts, Who Was? covers them all!
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Learning about historical figures can be fun!

Use any of these activities to help incorporate a Who Was? book into your classroom or library.

- As students read about their subject, ask them to keep a timeline of that person's life. When was that person born? When did he/she die? Did he/she ever marry? If he/she was a political figure, how long was he/she in office?
- Ask students to draw a map of their subject's travels. They can trace an explorer's path or the travels of a famous musician.
- Each of the Who Was? covers is a caricature of the biography's subject. After defining caricature, ask students to draw or paint a caricature of someone they think is important, whether it is a family member or a current celebrity.
- Why did each student pick their specific historical figure? For an essay topic, encourage students to write about the traits they most admire in their subject. What traits do they think they share with their person?
- At the end of the biography unit, encourage students to dress as their historical subject and share who they are with the class.

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