# AFRICAN-AMERICAN ABC BIOGRAPHY REPORT

1. Use Internet resources and research information on a biography or autobiography about a person who interests you. Your person must be approved by me, and I MUST sign off on your rubric for credit.
2. Brainstorm important information, facts, and events about your person on the provided organizer as you complete your research. Each letter of the alphabet will be used to create an ABC Biography report. The information you provide does NOT need to be chronological.
3. Fold seven sheets of typing paper in half, “hamburger-style.” The very front page will be your title page, and should include the title and your name, date and period. The very last page will be left blank. The remaining pages will each contain ONE letter, spotlighting an important fact or idea about your individual. Each page should consist of 2-3 sentences, with the spotlighted word underlined or highlighted. There should be an illustration to accompany each letter as well. These can be hand-drawn or copied and pasted from Google images or some other source, but if they are drawn they must be colored.

**A** is for *American Gods*, which was one of Neil Gaiman’s best- selling and multi-award winning novels when it was released in 2001. It was re-released in 2011, with the “author’s preferred text”, and was 12,000 words longer than its original version.

**B**

Neil Richard Gaiman was born on November 10, 1960, and is the oldest child of David and Sheila Gaiman. He grew up in the [West Sussex](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Sussex) town of [East](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Grinstead) [Grinstead](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Grinstead) with his younger sisters, Claire and Lizzy.

1. Fold one sheet of construction paper around your book to make a cover. Create an original title for your ABC report (no, it cannot be “My ABC Book” or “The ABC’s of …”). Include a picture (drawn of printed out) of your personality.
2. Information to consider for your report…
	* Describe your person, including their place and date of birth.
	* Tell about their family: parents and siblings, as well as spouse and children.
	* Discuss the most important events in this person’s life.
	* Explain why this person is/was important.
3. Use the attached planning page and rubric to help you with your project. You will present your findings in an oral report. Be prepared to give at least 10, but no more than 15 facts about your personality. If you dress up as your character for your presentation, you will get TWO Homework Passes.

ABC Biography planning page

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Name: Due Date:

# ABC Biography Rubric

## Research /15

* + Book approved: /5 point
	+ Planning sheet completed: /10 points

ABC Book /60

* + Correct booklet format: /5 points
	+ 26 important facts or ideas: /20 points
	+ 2-3 sentences for each idea: /10 points
	+ Related picture on each page: /10 points
	+ Cover with original title: /5 points
	+ Mechanics, usage, grammar: /10 points

Presentation /25

* + Oral (eye contact and clear voice): /10 points
	+ Audience (quiet and attentive): /10 points
	+ 10-15 items presented: /5 points

TOTAL /100

Dressed up: +2 Homework Passes

Comments: