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## Famous Black Scientist/Inventor Presentation

**Purpose:** The basis for our current knowledge, the improvements in our health and daily lives, and our better understanding of the world and universe around us, are all due to the contributions of many scientists around the world. In honor of Black History Month, you will choose a black scientist or inventor and deliver a 3 to 5 minute presentation on that person. You may work with a partner, but you both must have enough material to speak for 3 to 5 minutes each, and each person will be graded separately.

**Your Task:** Select one black scientist or inventor (different from everyone else in the class) who has had a positive impact on the world through his/her scientific work and discoveries. Sign up with Mrs. Yan when you select your scientist. Then, research your scientist or inventor and create an oral presentation including the required information below (1. Research). Include appropriate visual aids to enhance your presentation. You must include a works cited page with the sources used, so use credible sources only!

***This assignment is due on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are not ready to present when called on, you will automatically lose 5 points.***

**Rubric:** Put your name, date, and period at the top front of this rubric, check off the elements that apply to your presentation, and turn this sheet into Mrs. Yan when it is time to present.

### 1. Research:

(15 Points Possible)

Teacher Score: \_\_\_\_

#### A. Introduction:

- Your name
- Scientist's name
- Scientist's nationality
- Why you chose to research this specific scientist

#### B. Body: (Address at least three of these)

- Scientist's field of study
- Interesting events in the scientist's life that influenced him/her (Timeline)
- The reason for the invention, theory, or discovery (was there a societal need? Did the discovery happen by accident? etc.).
- Contributions and discoveries made by the scientist
- How the person's work affected society at the time and now.

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**C. Conclusion:**

- \_\_\_ What positive character traits did the scientist have that could be applied to you and thus improve your own personal growth and achievement?
- \_\_\_ Include sources used in appropriate format.

**2. Quality of Visual Aids:**

**(10 Points Possible)**

**Teacher Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

***(Select one of the following):***

1. Create a PowerPoint or Prezi of at least slides in length (not including a table of contents) with the following (minimums) on ***each*** page:
  - \_\_\_ A picture
  - \_\_\_ Contrasting text/backgrounds, easy to read text
  - \_\_\_ Proper grammar/spelling
2. Create at least three *hand-drawn, large, easy-to-read, detailed, colorful, and labeled* visual aids that enhance the audience's understanding of the scientist.

**3. Presentation Delivery and Style:**

**(10 Points Possible)**

**Teacher Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

- \_\_\_ Have enough information to speak for at least 3 minutes.
- \_\_\_ Use a loud, inflected voice, without 'filler words' or long pauses.
- \_\_\_ Use proper grammar.
- \_\_\_ Maintain proper poise and posture (do not sway, no hands in pocket, etc.).
- \_\_\_ Know the information well. Have most of the information memorized and don't read to the audience.

**Total Score (35 Points Possible): Teacher Score: \_\_\_\_\_**