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# Materials

Who is Coming to Dinner?

This project provides a format to use when students are doing historical studies of a group of important scientists in any area. The project provides a format for collecting pertinent historical data and then allows the student to personalize the experience by making invitations, explaining why they would invite each of the six individuals they choose to invite and questions that they might like to ask the individuals.

The state standards require that students study the accomplishments of scientists in almost all of the areas of science. The worksheet for collection of data can also be used prior to asking students to make posters about the scientists or inviting the scientists to less formal functions.

This activity offers an opportunity to integrate writing and other language arts skills into the curriculum. Students can also be asked to prepare a bibliography of all resources used to complete the data forms.

I usually have assigned this as a project that students work on over a period of several weeks during times when they have finished other assigned work or as homework. I generally have the students share their work when the final project is complete so that all students get a second look at the scientist from another perspective.

Computer, Internet access, reference books

# Time

2-3 weeks to collect data

2-3 days to edit and prepare the presentation

# Standards

English

Social Studies

Technology:

Team activities if students work in teams to collect data for the project..

# Teachers Notes

This activity offers an opportunity to integrate language skills into the study of historical studies of individuals important to the sciences. .