

Tell about a Person of the Past

Group 1 – Cal Farley from Amarillo, Texas

Cal Farley was a man with many talents and great big heart. As a young man, he was in the Army and fought in World War 1. He was also baseball player and a wrestler.

When he moved to Amarillo, Texas, he bought a tire shop. Later he owned a department store. He became a very wealthy man. He wanted to use his money to help people. He and some other men started the Maverick Club to help young boys learn how to play sports.

Later, he sold his business so that he would have enough money to start Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. He wanted to help boys who were in trouble and had no home. His work with these boys was highly successful.

Cal Farley received many honors and awards for his good work. One of his awards was being named "Outstanding Citizen of Texas." He was one of Amarillo's finest people.

Tell your story about Cal Farley to the class. Draw pictures to illustrate your story. Here are some suggestions for pictures to draw:

- A decorated page with Cal Farley's name written on it
- Cal Farley in the army
- Cal Farley playing baseball
- Boys playing a game with "Cal Farley's Boys Ranch" as sign in the background
- Cal Farley's "Outstanding Citizen of Texas Award"

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Group 2 – Mary Sabina Daggett Lake from Fort Worth, Texas

Mrs. Lake was an author and a botanist (person who studies plants). Her work in Fort Worth helped many people understand how to make their town more beautiful with flowers.

For twenty years, she was the educational director of Garden Center of Fort Worth. She taught nature classes to children and started a gardener's library. She helped people have flower shows and helped start the Fort Worth Garden Club.

She wrote about flowers as garden editor for the *Fort Worth Star Telegram*. For her good work, Texas Christian University gave her a special degree from their school.

Mrs. Lake spent her life making people's lives more beautiful with flowers.

Tell your story about Mary Sabina Daggett Lake to the class. Draw pictures to illustrate your story. Here are some suggestions for pictures to draw:

- A decorated page with Mrs. Lake's name on it.
- Mrs. Lake with several children in a garden
- The gardener's library Mrs. Lake started
- Flowers at a flower show

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Group 3 – George Washington West from George West, Texas

George Washington West was a cowboy. He was one of the first men to drive longhorn cattle from Texas to the railroads in Kansas. As a young man, he was the trail boss of a cattle drive from Texas to Montana. It was probably the longest cattle drive anyone ever made.

When he earned enough money from his cattle drives, he bought a large ranch with 26,000 cattle on it. In the early 1900s, he gave part of the ranch to become a town. He started the town and named it George West.

Later, he gave part of his land for a railroad to come through the town. He also used his money to build a courthouse, a school, highways, and bridges. He helped make George West a good town for the people who lived there.

Tell your story about George Washington West to the class. Draw pictures to illustrate your story. Here are some suggestions for pictures to draw:

- A decorated page with George Washington West's name on it.
- George Washington West as a cowboy
- A longhorn cow
- A building, railroad, or highway that George Washington West built

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Group 4 – Trinidad Salazar from Alice, Texas

Trinidad was born in Mexico. His parents died when he was very young. He moved to Texas to try to earn a living, and he worked on a ranch. He saved his money and opened a general store. He saved more money and moved to Alice where he opened another store. He became wealthy because he sold things people needed. He said that he sold everything from “thread to buggies and groceries to coffins.” He owned the first two telephones in Alice. He had a telephone at home and also at his store. Then he bought a hotel.

Trinidad Salazar wanted to use his wealth to help the people of Alice. He gave money to build an elementary school and to build the first bridge across a creek in Alice. When floods destroyed some of the town, Mr. Salazar let poor people who lost their homes stay in his home. Because he helped many people, a school in Alice was named in his honor.

Tell your story about Trinidad Salazar to the class. Draw pictures to illustrate your story. Here are some suggestions for pictures to draw:

- A decorated page with Trinidad Salazar’s name on it.
- Trinidad Salazar working on a ranch as young boy
- Trinidad Salazar’s store
- Trinidad Salazar’s hotel named the Lichtenstein Hotel.
- Trinidad Salazar’s telephones (Find out what telephones looked like in the early 1900s.)
- Trinidad Salazar Elementary School

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Group 5 – John Scott from the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, Texas

John Scott was principal chief of the Alabama-Coushatta Indians in the late 1800s and early 1900s. When he was a young man, he fought in the Civil War. As an older man, he was elected chief of his tribe. As chief, he had many important responsibilities. He was expected to be a good example to the members of his tribe. He was the people's moral leader as well as their government leader.

Also as chief, he attended many meetings across the state of Texas to speak for the good of his reservation. He kept all of the important records for the tribe. He settled arguments among the people on the reservation. He directed religious, educational, and hunting activities for his people. He helped make decisions for the school on the reservation. People across the United States wrote articles and reports about his good work in newspapers and books.

John Scott lived to be 108 years old. He served the citizens of the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation as their chief even in the last year of his life.

Tell your story about John Scott to the class. Draw pictures to illustrate your story. Here are some suggestions for pictures to draw:

- A decorated page with John Scott's name on it
- John Scott as a soldier in the Civil War
- John Scott making a speech
- John Scott directing a hunting activity

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Group 6 – Rose Wu from San Antonio, Texas

Rose Wu always loved adventure and helping people. When she was a young girl, she lived in Tucson, Arizona. Rose was the only Chinese girl in town who drove a car in the early 1900s.

After she married, Rose Wu and her husband lived in San Antonio. She raised four children, and she did a lot of volunteer work in the town to help people. She was the Director of the Chinese Democratic Women of San Antonio. The Texas Senate wanted to pass a law to keep Chinese from owning property in Texas. Mrs. Wu went to Austin to talk to the members of the Senate. She asked them not to pass the law. She said that the Chinese people were good Texas citizens. They should be able to own property. The Senate did not pass the law.

Rose Wu returned to San Antonio and continued her work to help the people of the town.

Tell your story about Rose Wu to the class. Draw pictures to illustrate your story. Here are some suggestions for pictures to draw:

- A decorated page with Rose Wu's name on it
- Rose Wu driving her car
- Rose Wu and her four children
- Rose Wu talking to the members of the Texas Senate