



Pioneering African Americans in Government Project

The following activity has been extracted from our [African American History](#) course / Unit 10: To the Present.

Directions:

1. Complete the following activity. Use the rubric located below the activity to assess how you are completing each of the required components.
2. (Optional): For teachers and parents looking to use as a graded activity, a rubric worth 15 points is located at the bottom of the activity.

Activity: Pioneering African Americans in Government

For this assignment, you will create a presentation on pioneering African Americans in government and politics. There are many leaders to research. For example, you might choose to report on Hiram Revels, a United States Congressman elected in 1869, or Kamala Harris, elected to the Senate in November 2016 and now elected as Vice President of the United States during the November 6, 2020 presidential elections. She is California's first African American Senator and only the second black woman ever elected to the Senate. Or you might choose to report on Barack Obama, the first African American president.

Your presentation should be creative, original, and show your research effort. It should address the importance of the political figure and include facts, issues, and/or relevance. Create your presentation using PowerPoint or another application of your choosing.



TABLE Grading rubric

Full Credit	<p>Project exhibits original thought and superior ideas.</p> <p>Clearly presents the subject with depth, richness, and meaning.</p> <p>Presentation is creative and uses colors, fonts, and graphics that enhance the project.</p> <p>Presentation is well written with no obvious errors in grammar, spelling, or punctuation.</p>
Partial Credit	<p>Project exhibits some original thought and good ideas.</p> <p>The subject is presented somewhat clearly.</p> <p>Presentation is mostly creative and unique.</p> <p>Presentation shows some effort, and there are a few errors in grammar, spelling, or punctuation.</p>
Little Credit	<p>Project is not original.</p> <p>Little significant information is presented.</p> <p>Presentation shows little effort in design and creativity.</p> <p>Presentation has many errors in grammar, spelling, and/or punctuation.</p>