

Ordinary People, Extraordinary History (Winter B)

Grades:	2 – 5
Day (s) of Week:	Monday
Time of Class:	3:00 – 4:30 pm ET
Length of Class:	5 weeks
Semester:	Winter B 2021
Tuition:	\$125.00

Dates:

Week 1: February 15

Week 2: February 22

Week 3: March 1

Week 4: March 8

Week 5: March 15

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Description of Class: This course, based on Brad Meltzer's New York Times bestselling biographies written specifically for kids, introduces students to ordinary people who changed our world by doing extraordinary things.

Class Approach: Each week, students will hear the story of one real hero's life, beginning with their childhood. Students will explore the challenges, triumphs, and struggles of these fascinating people and connect those stories to themes such as discovery, compassion, equality, and courage. We will learn together through the reading of engaging literature, lively class discussion, extension activities, and videos. Each week, students will create laptops and timelines with details from one hero's life. The course will culminate in a People Fair, where students research, dress up, and present as their own chosen hero – past or present!

Goals: Students will learn about four historic icons and be inspired by the idea that ordinary people change the world. Students will research and present on the life of a remarkable figure of their own choosing.

Textbooks: All books are from the *Ordinary People Change the World* series by Brad Meltzer. Please note – books are highly recommended, but not required. There are many online sources for quality used books.

I Am Abraham Lincoln	ISBN-13: 9780803740839
I Am Marie Curie	ISBN-13: 9780525555858
I Am Rosa Parks	ISBN-13: 9780803740853
I Am Billie Jean King	ISBN-13: 9780735228740

Additional Supplies/Resources Needed:

A folder or binder for storing classwork. Basic art supplies such as markers, colored pencils, glue, and blank paper. Parents will be asked to print handouts ahead of time, to be used during classes. Outside of class, parents will assist students (as needed) with research for their People Fair presentations.

Weekly Homework:

Students should expect to spend 1 – 2 hours per week on reading and lapbook/timeline assignments.

Anticipated Weekly Course Schedule:

Week	Topic
Week 1	Abraham Lincoln: I will always speak my mind. I will always speak for others.
Week 2	Marie Curie: I know the power of discovery
Week 3	Rosa Parks: I will always stand up for what's right.
Week 4	Billie Jean King: I champion equality.
Week 5	People Fair