

Research Projects Comprehension Activities



Change Readers: 300 - 600 Total Words

1. Gertrude (Trudy) Ederle: Swimming the English Channel

Personal Achievement Goal: to show that I can ask good questions to find out more information.

What topic would you like to know more about?

The English
Channel
Olympic
swimmers
crossings

Great
English
Channel
long swims
records for
crossings

Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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1. We asked three people what they knew about Trudy Ederle and what we found out was...

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- 2. We asked three people who they thought were great swimmers and what we found out was...
- 3. We asked three people about the most gruelling challenge that they had ever faced and what we found out was...
- **4.** We found out what the longest swim ever completed was and told three people about it.



2. Lily Parr – Football Legend

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What topic would you like to know more about?

Famous female footballers

The Football Hall of Fame Charities that help people in wartime

Training to get the skills to be a footballer

Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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- **1.** We asked three people what they knew about Lily Parr and what we found out was...
- 2. We asked three people which female footballers they admired and what we found out was...
- 3. We told three people about the Dick, Kerr football team's record of playing 300 games in a row without a loss and they said...
- **4.** We found out about the uniform and boots that footballers were in the 1920s.



3. Maria Spelterini – Tightrope Walker of Niagara

Personal Achievement Goal: to show that I can ask good questions to find out more information.

What topic would you like to know more about?

Niagara Falls

Famous tightrope walkers People who have walked across Niagara Falls Learning how to tightrope walk

Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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Maria Spelterini - Tightrope Walker of Niagara

- 1. We asked three people what they knew about the only woman to ever walk across Niagara Falls and what we found out was...
- 2. We asked three people what they thought would motivate someone to walk across Niagara Falls, knowing that they would die if they fell in, and what we found out was...
- 3. We asked three people what the most daring thing they had ever read about was, and what we found out was...
- **4.** We made a list of all the daring things that our friends and family had done.



4. Amelia Earhart — Queen of the Air

Personal Achievement Goal: to show that I can ask good questions to find out more information.

What topic would you like to know more about?

Famous aviators

The design of old planes

How planes are tracked

Interesting aviation records

Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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- **1.** We asked three people what they knew about Amelia Earhart and what we found out was...
- 2. We asked three people what they thought about people like Amelia who had died attempting to do daring things, and what we found out was...
- 3. We decided to find out what planes were made of in the 1930s and what their engines were like.
- **4.** We pretended we were in charge of searching for a lost plane and we had to come up with a plan for how to find it.



5. Junko Tabei — Free Spirit of the Mountains

Personal Achievement Goal: to show that I can ask good questions to find out more information.

What topic would you like to know more about?

Mount Everest and the Himalayas

Great mountain climbers Keeping environments rubbish-free Sherpas who live in the Himalayas

Choose one topic. List the questions you'd like to ask:

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- **1.** We asked three people what they knew about Junko Tabei and what we found out was...
- 2. We asked three people what they knew about Mount Everest and what we found out was...
- **3.** We found out why managing rubbish in mountains is so important.
- We made a map of the highest mountain on each continent and put a flag on each one to show the nationality of the first person to climb it.

