Game Changer Stretch (W.6.7)

You have learned a little bit about a few game changing people and focused more deeply on one person in particular. Now, let’s take a look beyond the literal meaning of changing the rules of a game or sport. A person who is a game changer or trailblazer is a pioneer. This person is among the first to shift mindsets and perceptions in their community and prepares the way for others to follow.

**Guiding Question**: Who are some of the most fascinating/compelling pioneers and why?

* Use the links below to learn about some of the pioneers who have opened the doors of opportunity for others.
* While you are exploring, take notes on people who you find interesting. Write the name and accomplishment (include the date) of the person. List a minimum of 12 pioneers.

You will be inviting seven of these people to a dinner party that you host. When the pioneer lived and whether he/she is alive or dead is not an obstacle. In this fictional setting, there is a parallel universe where you may have anyone you choose at the table.

* Use the process of elimination to cross off names until you have your final seven guests.
* Assign seats by writing the name of each person on a chair on the table seating chart.
* Complete one (or more☺) of the following activities. The completed assignment should incorporate evidence of your understanding of what it means to be a game changer/pioneer.

1. Write an explanatory paragraph that provides reasons to support why you selected your specific game changer guests. (W.6.2)
2. Create a formal invitation to be sent to all of your guests that includes the concept of your dinner party as well as relevant details they would want to know. (W.6.2)
3. Create an imagined conversation between you and/or two of your guests referencing pioneer accomplishments and write it in the form of dialogue in a play. (W.6.3)
4. Write a letter to yourself from the perspective of one of your guests accepting the invitation with details about why they are excited to attend. (W.6.3)
5. Write a thank you letter to yourself from the perspective of one of your guests thanking you for hosting the dinner party with details that express their feelings/thoughts about the event. (W.6.3)

* **After you have completed your activity**, you may choose to add visual compliments or drawings to your seating chart such as place settings and food on the table, background setting, visual representations of your guests, etc.

Resources/links to explore the possibilities for your guest list:

<http://www.biographyonline.net/famous-firsts/>

<http://www.corsinet.com/trivia/1-triv4.html>

<http://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/famous-firsts-in-womens-history>

<http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-facts>

<http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2016/06/native-americans-at-harvard/>

<http://www.latinpost.com/articles/22366/20140929/hispanic-heritage-month-2014-latinos-who-paved-way.htm>

<http://www.factmonster.com/spot/apahmfirsts.html>

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/11/health/turning-points-erik-weihenmayer/>