



School-Home Connection

Your child is reading a play called “Name This America.”

In this play, Uncle Sam is the host of a quiz show in which panelists try to guess the identities of mystery guests. Each mystery guest is an American from the past who achieved something special in his or her lifetime. While enjoying the quiz show, the audience learns some interesting facts about the guests and about American history.

Talk About Remarkable People

Talk with your child about a famous person of the past or present whom you regard with particular respect. For example, you might tell your child about a writer, an artist, an athlete, a religious or political leader, or a humanitarian who you think has set a good example for others to follow. Encourage your child to ask questions about this remarkable person and to talk with classmates about him or her.

VOCABULARY

Using Vocabulary Words

While reading “Name This American,” your child has learned the following new vocabulary words.

guarantee	indebted
distinguished	interpreter
stumps	suffrage
misleading	anthem

Play a game of Name This Vocabulary Word with your child. Choose one of the vocabulary words, and give your child a clue about the “mystery word.” Your child can then ask you questions about what the word means, how it is used, how it is spelled, and so on, until he or she guesses the correct word. Then choose another word for your child to guess.



TIME TO READ

Encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes outside of class each day.

Just the Facts

Ask your child to write down several interesting facts that he or she learned from reading “Name This American.” Then read and discuss what your child has written. For example, you might tell your child additional facts that you know about a particular person or event, or you might remark to your child how surprised and pleased you are to learn some new facts that you didn’t know before.

