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Ways to Use

These passages can be used in a few ways:

- 1) As traditional task cards for “Scoot” or a literacy center
- 2) As a scavenger hunt- place the cards around the room for students to find each passage and respond on their own time
 - a) Allow students to pick one to respond to in writing
- 3) As a Do-Now activity for eight days of practice selecting text evidence- the final passages are the most difficult
- 4) As an exit ticket for a lesson on evidence- let students pick one to complete and respond to

Printing and laminating the cards will ensure their integrity for multiple classes especially if you plan to use them as task cards or for a scavenger hunt.

Further reading is available about most of these legends online, through Britanica, Epic, and other sources to assign follow up research to students on a legend of their choosing.

Freebie!

DOWNLOAD SIX DAYS OF
NO-PREP DO-NOWS
CELEBRATING BLACK
WOMEN

"I just try to write songs that people are going to have a dialogue about."

"Great leaders never accept the world as it was and always work for the world as it is."

"The only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work hard for them."
- Michelle Obama

Inspiring Quotes Do Now

Day 1 This quote is from:
Do any words stand out to you?
Write two sentences about how you feel about this quote or what it means to you (at least 20 words).

Day 2 This quote is from:
Do any words stand out to you?
Write two sentences about how you feel about this quote or what it means to you (at least 20 words).

Educate for Justice



Queen Liliuokalani

Queen Liliuokalani was the last independent leader of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Before becoming Queen, she had many responsibilities, travelling abroad to represent the island to monarchs and presidents. She also worked to improve education for Hawaiian children.

Liliuokalani's family had ruled Hawaii for almost one hundred years when she became queen in 1891. Her brother had just passed away and the United States was cutting off the sale of sugar that the Hawaiian **economy** was built on with **tariffs**. The Queen acted swiftly to try to improve Hawaii's independence from America. Yet many sought to stand in her way, especially the wealthy who could most benefit from American annexation. Tensions escalated until the Queen and five hundred guards were surrounded in the royal palace. To protect her people from violence, Liliuokalani surrendered.

Later, the Queen was forced to formally give up her throne to protect her supporters from imprisonment. She was then put on house arrest for several years. When she was finally free, the former queen fought every way she could think of to have Hawaii stay independent of the United States. Not even suing the U.S. government worked. Hawaii became U.S. territory even though they did not gain statehood for another sixty years.

Queen Liliuokalani did not know enough about the West to protect her kingdom.

Which statement from the passage best **disputes** this statement?

- A. Before becoming Queen, she had many responsibilities, travelling abroad to represent the island to monarchs and presidents.
- B. The Queen acted swiftly to try to improve Hawaii's independence from America.
- C. Tensions escalated until the Queen and five hundred guards were surrounded in the royal palace.
- D. Not even suing the U.S. government worked.



Was giving up Hawaii's independence the right thing to do to protect its citizens? Why or why not?

Tammy Duckworth

Senator Tammy Duckworth was born in Thailand and immigrated to Hawaii when she was sixteen years old. After getting her bachelor's and master's degrees, Duckworth was working for a doctorate degree in Illinois. She decided to sign up for the Army National Guard and trained to be a helicopter pilot while continuing to work on her degree.

Tammy was called to serve in Iraq in 2004. Duckworth's helicopter was shot down by a grenade while on active duty. She lost both of her legs in the crash and explosion. She was awarded the elite Purple Heart for her service. The injury didn't stop Duckworth. She served in the National Guard for ten more years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

During those years Tammy worked hard to advocate for wounded veterans. She was a natural choice in 2006 to be the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. Then she became assistant secretary of the National Veterans' Affairs Department in 2009. Assistant Secretary Duckworth then became Representative Duckworth in 2013. Four years later, she ran for and won the office of Senator for her state of Illinois. She is the first Thai-born U.S. senator. She continues to advocate for veterans and for immigrants like her family.



Senator Duckworth is an ally for wounded veterans.

Which sentence from the passage best supports this statement?

- A. On active duty, Duckworth's helicopter was shot down by a grenade and she lost both of her legs in the crash and explosion.
- B. She served in the National Guard for ten more years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.
- C. During those years Tammy worked hard to advocate for wounded veterans.
- D. Four years later, she ran for and won the office of Senator for her state of Illinois.

Senator Duckworth was born a U.S. Citizen because her father was, but many non-citizens born outside of the U.S. also join the military. Some of them then get deported later. What do you think?

