



Hearing Heroes

Activity: Hearing Heroes

Category: Writing Activity

Series: Unsung Heroes (Unsung Heroes of Science)

Supplies

- *Unsung Heroes of Science*
- The book's 12StoryLibrary.com page: <http://www.12storylibrary.com/non-fiction/unsung-heroes/unsung-heroes-of-science/>
 - The “Untold Stories of Women in Science” web resource
- Paper and pencils

Prep

Assign each student one of the nine scientists with a recorded story on the “Unsung Stories” site: Ana Roqué de Duprey, Lillian Gilbreth, Ruth Rogan Benerito, Edith Clarke, Mollie Orshansky, Mary Engle Pennington, Ellen Ochoa, Virginia Holsinger, and the Caultron Girls.

Directions

Have each student use the “Untold Stories of Women in Science” web resource to listen to the SoundCloud recording about his or her scientist. Ask the students to take notes while they listen. They should write down what their scientist studied, where and when she lived, her important achievements or awards, and anything else that makes her a scientific hero.

The students should use their notes to write a brief biography (two or three paragraphs) about their scientist. Make sure to include a description of her main scientific work or achievement.

Evaluation

Use the description paragraphs on the “Untold Stories of Women in Science” website to fact-check the biographies the students write. Did the students hear and remember the main points about their assigned scientists? Did they describe them accurately? RI 4.7; SL 4.2; SL 5.2

Purpose

To help students practice summarizing and describing information that is presented orally.