

# Learning Powered By Curiosity

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 PBS Wisconsin  
Education

**Engaging Students With Local & Culturally  
Relevant Non Fiction: An Introduction to PBS  
Wisconsin Education's Newly Updated  
*Wisconsin Biographies***

**Share With A Neighbor:**

***Who is a Wisconsinite you admire & why?***

**WSRA Conference  
February 9, 2023 | 2:00-3:15pm**

A black and white portrait of Vel Phillips, an elderly woman with short, curly hair, looking thoughtfully to the left. Her hands are clasped together in front of her chin. The background is dark and out of focus.

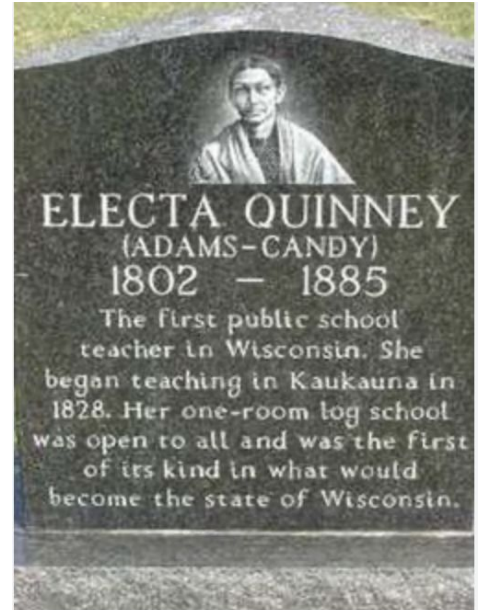
VEL PHILLIPS

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DREAM BIG DREAMS



Quinney around age 60



# Agenda

- **Introduction** (5-7 min)
- **PBS Wisconsin Education** (2-3 min)
- ***Wisconsin Biographies* : An Overview** (17-20 min)
  - What?
  - Why?
  - A Closer Look & Refresh!
- **Classroom Applications** (17-20 min)
- **Q&A** (RT)
- **Closing + Stay In Touch!** (RT)

# PBS Wisconsin Education

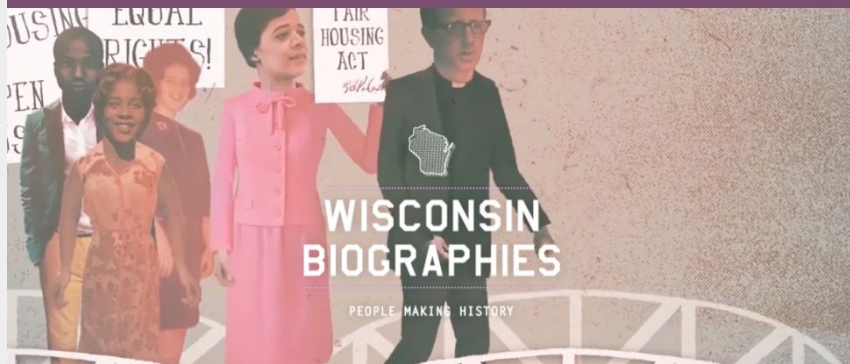


## **Classroom Media**

Free to use, standards-aligned, Wisconsin-focused media for grades PreK-12, including videos, games, interactive content, educator guides, and more!

## **Professional Development**

Powerful and practical events and resources to support your teaching practice, whether you teach in a formal or informal setting, from early learning through high school.



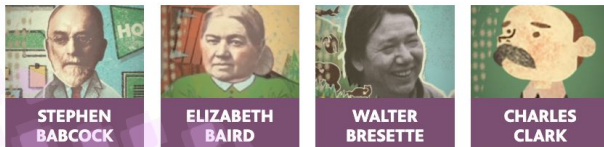
## About the collection:

- FREE educational media resources that bring the stories of notable Wisconsinites of the past to life for learners today
- Geared towards grades 3-6 but great for all grades to engage varied interests and skills
- Enhances English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Environmental Literacy curricula; unit connections!
- 17 stories currently available
  - Animated videos
  - Short biography books w/ audio
  - Historical images
  - Guides/lesson plans for educators



### ALL BIOGRAPHIES

Explore the complete Wisconsin Biographies collection and discover stories of the people making history in our state.



# Why Wisconsin Biographies:

- “Localized Learning”
- Diverse Representation
- Scaffolded & Standards-aligned
- Multimedia content; compatible with online learning modules or in-person instruction
- One-off lessons or easily integrated into broader units of study
- Student Choice & “Discoverability”





# WISCONSIN BIOGRAPHIES

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PEOPLE MAKING HISTORY

“We must include a variety of perspectives to make history fascinating enough for our students to make a connection. This collection helps instill curiosity about the past, shows that the improbable can actually become possible; and may even inspire the life of the learner.”

— Wisconsin Educator



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PEOPLE MAKING HISTORY

[Let's check out the website!](#)

# Story Cloth Family History Project



**JOE BEE XIONG**  
WAR TO PEACE  
1961-2007

4TH GRADE IMMIGRATION  
STORY CLOTH PROJECT

Hmong  
IN WISCONSIN  
Mai Zong Yoo



**My Grandma and Grandpa's Lives**

My grandpa was 10 years old when he got to Ohio a tractor he could barely reach the petals or breaks. He worked on his grandpa's farm.

My grandpa worked with some of the biggest machines in the state to make paper at age 60 He said it was fun.

My grandpa made I-beams so you can say he was a welder for the company of mobile homes for Maryland.

My grandpa said that you had to work a lot harder back then than today because there was no phone back then.

The most important thing to my grandpa was having family and friends and his farm he loved spending time with family.

My grandma said she loved to ride horses every day the horse was 20 years old. She also said the horse was an army horse.

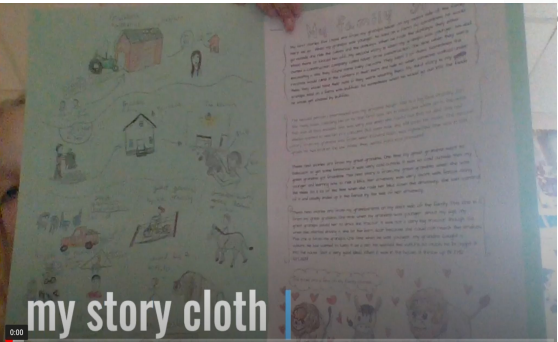
One of my grandpa's jobs were working on their farm and she did not know what to do at first and she worked for a cow and the cow kicked her.

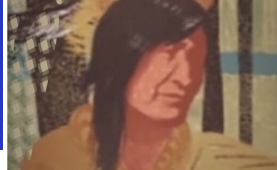
Something that was the same from back then my grandma said were taxes. Everyone had taxes but they had to pay them.



4th Grade Storycloths

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**CHIEF  
OSHKOSH**

LEADER IN TROUBLED  
TIMES

1795–1858



**ELIZABETH  
BAIRD**

LIFE IN TERRITORIAL  
WISCONSIN

1810–1890

## Welcome to the Wisconsin Frontier Postcard Assignment

### DIRECTIONS:

YOU HAVE MET SEVERAL DIFFERENT WISCONSINITES LIVING ON THE FRONTIER OF WISCONSIN. ON NEXT FEW SLIDES, IMAGINE IF THIS PERSON WERE TO WRITE A POSTCARD TO SOMEONE LIVING ON THE EAST COAST. WHAT MIGHT THEY SAY? EACH RESPONSE SHOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION YOU LEARNED ABOUT THAT PERSON.

## ELIZABETH



## Chief Oshkosh

Dear Friend,

Me and my tribe live in wisconsin we had fun playing games and laughing at jokes. We had all the things we needed. Till the Government wrote a treaty in a language we don't understand and tricked us to sell the land.

But then I got told this and I went and argued with the government about tricking us. They still wanted more land so I tricked them into signing a treaty that they can't sell anymore of our land



# Comparing and Contrasting Women Activists



**BELLE CASE  
LA FOLLETTE**

BALLOTS AND  
BLOOMERS

1859–1931



**VEL PHILLIPS &  
JAMES GROPPI**

THE FIGHT FOR FAIR  
HOUSING

1924-2018

1930-1985

Describe the similarities and differences between the activism work of Belle La Follette and Val Phillips

**Differences:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Similarities:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

**Differences:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

## Buisness Card Directions

- What do they do?
- What should people know about them?
- Why were they important to Wisconsin?



**STEPHEN  
BABCOCK**

AGRICULTURE'S MVP

1843–1931

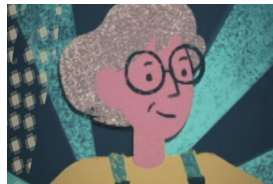


**CARRIE FROST**

FLY FISHING BOSS

1868–1937

This fly fishing obsession didn't



**MILLY  
ZANTOW**

RECYCLING  
REVOLUTIONARY

1923–2014



**BILL HARLEY &  
ARTHUR  
DAVIDSON**

INNOVATION ON TWO  
WHEELS

**Chapter 1:  
Connections to Our States  
Story**

**Chapter 2:  
A Place With a Past**

**Chapter 3  
Wisconsin's First People**

**Chapter 4:  
The Fur Trade**

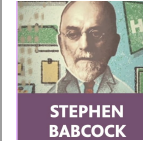
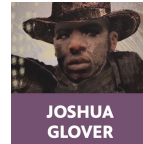


**Chapter 5:  
From Indian Lands to  
Territory to Statehood**

**Chapter 6:  
Coming to Wisconsin:  
Immigration and Settlement**

**Chapter 7;  
Wisconsin and The Civil War**

**Chapter 8:  
Lead, Soil and Sawdust**

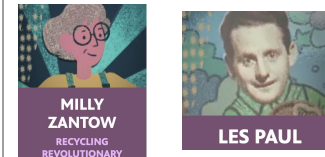


**Chapter 9:  
Transportation and Industry**

**Chapter 10:  
Good Times, Hard Times and  
Better Times**

**Chapter 11:  
New Opportunities, New  
Challenges**

**Chapter 12:  
A Place with a Future**





# WISCONSIN BIOGRAPHIES

PEOPLE MAKING HISTORY

**GESHE SOPA**

Click [this link](#) to learn more about the newest feature in the *Wisconsin Biographies* series!



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Tibetan Culture  
and Music for Animation



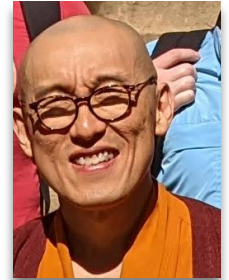
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An illustration of a diverse group of people in a city setting. In the foreground, a man with a mustache wearing a dark suit, white shirt, orange tie, and a dark cap is smiling. To his right, a woman wearing a blue hijab and a dark jacket is also smiling. In the background, there are other people, including a woman with long dark hair and a woman wearing a brown headscarf. The scene is set in front of a building with arched windows and a balcony.

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MAHMOUD OTHMAN ATTA

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# Upcoming EdCamp events



***aka Teacher LIVE: a virtual EdCamp on Sustaining Classroom Communities (Mon. Feb 20, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.)*** Join the PBS Wisconsin Education *aka Teacher* podcast hosts as they share insights on sustaining classroom communities throughout the school year and then invite you to share ideas with one another in EdCamp style discussions.

***Play is the Way EdCamp for Early Childhood Educators (Sat. March 4, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)*** Join us at the Community Early Learning Center in Appleton for a free, informative, and fun morning of learning. PBS KIDS Edcamps provide early childhood educators a space to share, collaborate, and learn from each other while earning Registry credit.

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# PBS LearningMedia

- Free, standards aligned resources
- Easily searchable by grade level, content area, or topic
- Videos, interactives, lesson plans, discussion questions, and more!
- Easily integrated into Google Classroom

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