

# Historical person II

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## Person of historical interest

Your task is to present to a small group an informative speech about a famous historical person.

Your teacher will give you a list of possible people and tell you how long your speech will need to be.

- Choose a topic from the list.
- Carry out some research to find out about your historical person.
- Write the main ideas of your speech on a cue card to help you remember. Do not write out all of the words in your speech.

You can use visual resources such as photos as part of your speech. These will help keep the audience interested.

## A helpful checklist

### Have you:

- researched your topic?
- prepared cue cards to help you remember the main points?
- selected photos or other visual resources?
- practised speaking with a clear voice?
- practised speaking without reading your cue cards?
- timed your speech so that it fits into the set time?

### Does your speech:

- have a beginning, a middle, and an end?
- entertain or interest your audience?

## **Possible historic people for research**

**James K Baxter - writer**

**Howard Morrison - singer**

**Patricia Grace - writer**

**Sir Edmund Hillary With Tenzing Norgay - first to climb Mt Everest**

**Billy T James - entertainer**

**Colin McCahon - painter**

**Chew Chong - merchant**

**Jack Lovelock - athlete**

**Tahupotiki Wiremu Ratana - prophet**

**Robert Muldoon - politician**

**Hone Tuwhare - poet**

**Margaret Mahy - writer**

**Kiri Te Kanawa - opera singer**

**Charles Upham - soldier**

**Sir Apirana Ngata - Māori leader**

**Jean Batten - aviator**

**Richard Pearse - pioneer in aviation**

**Sir Maui Pomare - Māori leader**

**Jonah Lomu - rugby player**

**Whina Cooper - Te Whaea o te Motu ("Mother of the Nation")**

**Lord Ernest Rutherford - first to split the atom**

**Hōne Heke - Māori leader**

**Kate Sheppard - women's suffragist**

**Choie Sew Hoy - gold prospector and leader**

**Richie McCaw - rugby player**

