

The Who Was? History Bee



Study Guide: Parent Edition

The Who Was? History Bee is coming to your child's school or library! Brought to you by Penguin Young Readers, the publishers of the #1 *New York Times* Bestselling book series, The Who Was? History Bee was created to get children excited and engaged with history in a new way. Kids (along with their parents, librarians, and teachers) can't get enough of the Who Was? books—they love reading about the inventors, artists, explorers, leaders, and other amazing people who helped change the world. The Bee will help grow that excitement and curiosity about history—a subject children need to know to prepare for the future.

STUDY TIPS: All the questions from The Who Was? History Bee will be randomly selected from titles across the Who Was? book series. Does that mean a student needs to all of the Who Was? books to be prepared? Absolutely not (though many kids have read the whole series, from start to finish!). **The Bee is meant to be a fun competition that inspires kids to learn more about history.** Here are some tips to help kids prepare for the Bee while reading the books they already love!

DON'T STRESS OUT: The Bee is meant to be a fun experience that gets kids excited about history. There are great prizes on the line, but don't let that turn the Bee into something stressful.

READ ALONG WITH YOUR CHILD: Studies show that when parents love reading, their children love reading. Read a Who Was? book with your child at night, over breakfast, or any time you have the chance. Then talk about it together. What did you learn? What did they learn?

HAVE FUN EXPLORING HISTORY TOGETHER:

The Bee is meant to get kids hooked on history, and there are so many ways you can bring their reading to life and piquing their curiosity. After they read about Picasso, head to the nearest art museum. Did they love the stories of the Beatles, Louis Armstrong, and Aretha Franklin? Listen to the music over dinner and talk about what they read. Do they like the music? Why? What was happening in the world while those artists were alive? What were they like as kids? What were they passionate about? **Anything interactive and engaging will help develop your child's inner historian.**

HELP THEM CREATE A WHO WAS? HISTORY BEE FACT FILE:

To help your child remember all they're learning while they read the Who Was? books, get them a special notebook or flash cards where they can write out all the fun facts they encounter in their reading. **Important dates, life events, achievements, and inventions would be great things to write down.** They can also keep track with our downloadable Who Was? Fact File! found on the Who Was? History Bee website.

