

Mini Solja Stands On the Shoulders of Giants Activity Page

One Biography Question

- After reading this book, select one featured biography, research their life, list ten facts you learned about this person, and explain how this person inspires you to improve your life.

Open Response Questions

“Provide” means list, tell, share, record, or express.

- Why is it important to learn about Black history? Provide three reasons. Support your reasons with evidence from the text.
- Who do you think made the most impact on improving the lives of Black people? Support your reasons with evidence from the text. Provide three reasons.
- What do you think was the “Aha Moment” for Mini Solja in the book? (The moment he realized Grandpa was sharing information that could have a lasting impact on his life). Support your reasons with evidence from the text. Provide three reasons.
- Read the mantra entitled, “Embrace the Giants.” Write your own and explain why your mantra is important to your growth and development. Provide three reasons. Support your reasons with evidence from the text.
- Why do you think the author included a tribute to today’s giants in the book? Support your reasons with evidence from the text. Provide three reasons.
- Write a letter to someone whom you regard as special. Tell that person how you admire them and how they have positively affected your life.
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Direct Recall Questions

- How many characters did the author include?
- What is the book title on page 47 that the author recommends everyone read?
- How many poetic biographies did the author include?
- List three museums named after famous Black Americans.
- Write the most stated sentence written in this book.
- How many famous women, men, musicians, sports figures, and writers?
- What kind of ice cream did Mini Solja eat at the end of the book?
- What does the picture on page 32 (bottom left) depict?
- Pick out three critical pieces of advice Grandpa told Mini Solja. Write them here.
- Select three other Black Americans of Achievement (pages 84-86) and Google them. List and write a summary of what you learned about their achievements and contributions to society.

Vocabulary Questions

- Write your Glossary of unfamiliar words. Select ten words, define them, and use them in a sentence.

Literary Device Questions

- The author uses literary devices throughout the book to express her ideas. Find and list rhyming words, similes, and metaphors.

Book Review

- Feedback - What lessons did you find most valuable? Least valuable?

Lift a Line - If you could share one line, page, or lesson that inspired you what would it be and why?