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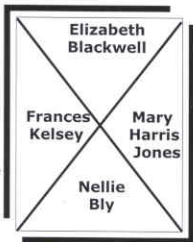
CIRCLE BIOGRAPHIES

Objective: The student will demonstrate comprehension of expository text by combining four short biographies into a single story.

Procedure: Select four people who have achieved fame. Read about their lives. Find out: When each person lived. What each person wanted to achieve. Difficulties in achieving the goal. The actual achievement. Why that person would like to live in another time or place.

Elizabeth Blackwell
b. 1821
Wanted to be a doctor
No medical school would accept her.
Finally accepted in one as a joke.
1st in her class.
Longed for a time when women are accepted for their ability.

Frances Kelsey
b. 1914.
Dreamed of being a scientist.
Got MD degree while having two children.
Studied effect of drugs on unborn.
Worked for FDA.
Refused to ok a new drug despite pressure.
Proved right when drug caused birth defects.



Mary Harris Jones
b. 1830. Came to U.S. as an immigrant.
Trained as a teacher.
Lost family in 1872 epidemic.
Fought for miners to have better wage
Traveled the U.S. fighting for workers.
Led crippled factory children on a march.
Wanted to see Child Labor Laws passed.

Nellie Bly
b. 1864
Wanted to enter a man's world as a reporter.
Not taken seriously by others.
Did sensational asylum stories.
Went around the world in 72 days.

See how the data becomes a circle story on page 74. Use it as a model for your circle story.