Legacies

Common Core Aligned Anchor Standards.
R1. Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
CCRA.R2. Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
R3 Analyze how and why individuals, events, or ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
R7. Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
W7. Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects based on focused questions, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
W1. Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

Task Specifications:

Part A.
Choose an African American you believe has had a significant influence on others. It could be an artist who has inspired people, a business person who has enabled others to make economic progress, or another individual whose life has resulted in important changes.

Part B.
Read the biography of that individual.

Make a diagram showing the individual and individuals and groups that this individual has influenced.

Part C.
Write a tribute to this individual. Cite examples of the ways in which this individual has been a connector—between past and present.

Choose a theme for your tribute, a theme that is important to you personally.

Conclude your tribute with an explanation of why this individual’s legacy is important to you.