

# HISTORIC SPRINGDALE CEMETERY TOUR



Which character was your favorite and why? Discuss what you liked with your friends.

Write a 200 word mini-essay that uses “quotes” from the character mixed with your own words. Describe the character, why you liked them, and what they did that was important.

A lot of work goes into a theatre production of this nature. Historians, researchers, writers, actors, costumers and make-up artists, a director and producer all contribute their time and talent to each act. Create your own scale as a way of evaluating the characters. You could rank each character based on a variety of characteristics:

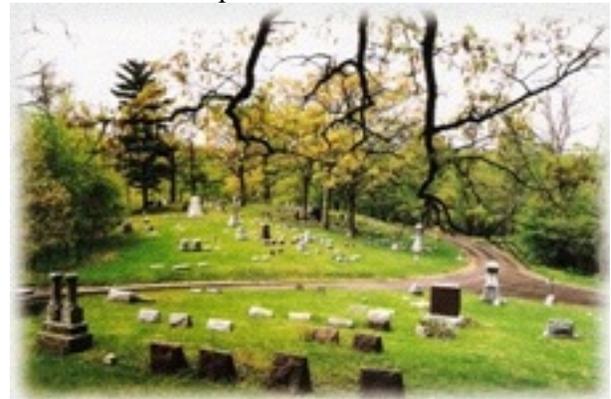
- \* Who told the best story? (writing)
- \* How well was it told? (acting)
- \* Who was the best dressed? (costume)
- \* Who was the funniest? (humor)
- \* Who told the saddest story? (drama)
- \* Who was most important in history?

*Please send us your evaluations!*

Who are your heroes? You can not tell this person’s whole life story in five minutes. If you had to tell one short story about his or her life what story would you tell? Choose a moment from that life that gives us a good snapshot of who they were and how they inspired you. How can you tell this story in a way that is entertaining and inspiring? You could develop a costume or maybe just one prop - a hat or bonnet is all you need to create the character. Write a script and perform this story for your class!



There are many famous folks from Central Illinois who made a real contribution to world history: Octave Chanute taught the Wright Brothers how to fly. Erastus Swift Willcox is the father of the free public library. Lydia Moss Bradley was a woman ahead of her time, a banker, real estate developer and founder of a university. For more information about other famous folks visit the library These short expository essays can be re-written as first person narratives. Visit the library or surf the web to learn more about these characters and then write a short ‘autobiography’ of your favorite famous person from Central Illinois.



Each of us can make a difference in the lives of others. What do you want to be remembered for a hundred years from now? Create a one page piece of realistic fiction that outlines your hopes and dreams. What can you do to make the world a better place? Imagine an actor telling your life story 100 years from now. How does your early life influence your career choices? What did you accomplish and how did you do it? Write a one page script of your goals, how you hope to achieve them... and then ***Go For It!***

Use the back of this paper to draw your own tombstone. Write an epitaph, a short phrase that celebrates your life.

***Plan to visit us next October as we explore Peoria’s relationship to world history through the characters buried at Springdale!***