Extension: Writing to Learn

Name ____________________________ Date __________________

Your Turn  Learn online about an important individual in social studies, science, technology, or mathematics. A few possibilities are provided for you here:

Social Studies/History
James Garfield
Charles J. Guiteau
Clarina Nichols
Matthew Brady
Mary McLeod Bethune

Science
Stephen Hawking
Ben Carson
Susan Solomon
Lori B. Garver
Jonas Salk

Technology
Paul Winchell
Alexander Graham Bell
Marissa Mayer
Steven Jobs
Mark Zuckerberg

Mathematics
Archimedes
Al-Khwarizmi
Isaac Newton
Amalie Emmy Noether
Benjamin Banneker

Dialogue
Create a dialogue between you and this person in which you explore important experiences in this person’s life and work. Keep the conversation going as long as you can. (Not everything that the other person says has to be completely accurate.)

Note: Set up your conversation in an interview format to make it easy to follow. (See Inquire pages 75, 385, and 558–559.)

Follow-up: Reflect on this writing-to-learn activity. Did it help you clarify or deepen your understanding of the person? Explain.