

# Pictures Are Worth a Thousand Words

## Part One Handout

**Directions:** Read the following profiles of well-known people. After reading each profile, list words that come to your mind based on the background information provided about the person. Think about things like what that person may do for a living, their race, their gender, and the things that may be important to them. Make note of what you think this person may be well known for. Guess the individual's name and record it in the blank provided.

### **Personality A:**

- Was sent to live in various foster homes and orphanages after mother was admitted into a mental hospital
- Wanted to be a lawyer, but was told by a teacher that those dreams were “unrealistic”
- Became involved in various narcotic, prostitution and gambling rings after moving to New York

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Personality B:**

- Child of Jewish refugees of the Holocaust
- Worked on Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign
- Was mayor of a U.S. city

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Personality C:**

- Was a good student for quite some time but grades began to slip in high school
- Had dreams of becoming an artist, and at age of 18, moved away from home to be closer to a major art school
- Worked odd jobs and was even homeless while trying to get into art school

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Personality D:**

- Born into a very religious family
- Worked for the Oakland Athletics baseball team
- Wanted to play baseball for a living, but joined the Navy instead

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality E:**

- Quit school in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Worked in a bowling alley and a candy shop
- Is from a very close-knit family

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality F:**

- Grew up very poor and lived with grandmother on a farm in Mississippi
- Later lived with mother, but was rebellious and got into a lot of trouble
- Was a parent at the age of 14

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality G:**

- Dropped out of Harvard
- Refused to do school work in Jr. High and High School
- Involved with building projects through Habitat for Humanity

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality H:**

- Experienced a traumatic event and completely stopped talking for almost four years
- Dropped out of high school
- Best friend was a brother named Bailey

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality I:**

- Born into a family of actors
- Was a child star
- Abused drugs and alcohol beginning at a young age

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality J:**

- As a child, family lived in a car after being evicted from their home
- Started a dance group called Majestic Vision Dancebreakers
- Performed at the 1984 Olympic Games

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality K:**

- Born 17th child out of 52 children
- Family owned a construction company
- Family was very wealthy; father was a billionaire

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

**Personality L:**

- Was named after an Incan Indian who was a revolutionary
- Loved to write poetry and love songs
- Attended The Baltimore School for the Performing Arts; studied acting and ballet

Notes:

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

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