



MARY PICKFORD

Words to know: existence, theatrical, desperately, support, knack, persuasion, surname, entitled, negotiated, guarantee, compromising, prowess, typically, autonomy, creative, profit, officially, autobiography, honorary, focused, and initial

Reread the bio of Mary Pickford, paying close attention to the words above. If you are having difficulty with any of the words, use your dictionary, the Internet, or ask a friend for help.

Take out your journal and write Mary Pickford at the top of a new page. Then respond to the following:

1. In what century did Ms. Pickford live and work?
2. What was Mary Pickford's real name?
3. How old was Mary when her father died?
4. Mary started acting when she was very young. Why did she want to earn money so soon?
5. What two qualities helped Mary get her first starring role on Broadway?
6. Early movies did not have sound. What were movies with sound called?
7. Men and women actors were not treated equally. What did Mary do to change this?
8. What did America call Mary Pickford?
9. What do you most admire about Mary Pickford and why?
10. Pretend you are an actress when Ms. Pickford changed the rules for women in the movie industry. What would you write in a letter of thanks to Mary? Turn to a new page in your journal and write a thank you letter. Remember to use your best letter writing skills and be specific concerning what you are thankful.

Be sure to color in the two states in which Ms. Pickford probably worked on the map of the United States. (Hint: Broadway plays are in one state and movies are usually made in a different state. The states are on the East Coast and the West Coast) On the back of the map, write Ms. Pickford's full name and the name of the states in which she worked.

Stretching Your Thinking: Ms. Pickford overcame many obstacles in her life. She lost her father when she was five and worked in an industry that did not treat women fairly. She was brave, determined, and dedicated to her causes. She used her abilities and her self-confidence to make changes. Do you see how her story can apply to anyone and to any career field? Do you see how Mary worked to change society and unfairness?