



OSCEOLA MCCARTHY

Words to know: bank account, businesswoman, caretaker, contribution, donation, education, experience, fortune, income, investments, legacy, modesty, ownership, philanthropist, pride, role model, savings, scholarship, self-esteem

Reread the bio of Osceola McCarthy, 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 Osceola McCarthy at the top of a new page. Then respond to the following:

1. In what century did Ms. McCarthy live and work?
2. As a small child Osceola contributed to her family's income by doing what?
3. What happened to Osceola when she was in the sixth grade?
4. What did Osceola McCarthy do her entire life?
5. What donation did Osceola McCarthy leave to the University of Southern Mississippi?
6. Who donated a billion dollars of his own money after learning about Osceola's story?
7. In the biography, Osceola McCarthy talks about self-esteem. She believed that "if you want to feel proud of yourself, you've got to do things you can be proud of." Osceola helped many students through her generous contribution. What would one of those students say if they were to write a letter of appreciation to Ms. McCarthy? Turn to a new page in your journal and write a letter of thanks. Remember to use your best letter writing skills and be specific stating why the college students should be thankful.

Be sure to color in the state in which Osceola McCarthy was born on the map of the United States. On the back of the map, write Osceola's full name and the name of the state in which she was born.

Stretching Your Thinking: Osceola McCarthy's donation to the University of Southern Mississippi inspired others to give back to the school. Ms. McCarthy's legacy will long be remembered since she remains the school's most famous donor. What is a legacy? If you were to leave something behind what would it be? What legacy would you like to leave the world?