

# Claims *to* Fame

## Fourteen Short Biographies

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### Teacher's Key: Biography of Ida B. Wells

#### Thinking about What You Have Read

1. Wells was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi.
2. Her parents taught her that African Americans had the right to live and work where they wanted.
3. Her life changed when she was fourteen because her parents died in a yellow-fever epidemic and she had to support her brothers and sisters.
4. She started writing articles for the Memphis newspapers because she wanted African Americans to be treated fairly in Memphis.
5. Three friends of Wells were lynched and no one was arrested or punished.
6. Answers will vary but may include the idea that people were afraid to talk about lynching.
7. She was not afraid to do dangerous work so that she could obtain all the facts for a good article.
8. Answers will vary.

#### Working with Words

Answers will vary but may include for *un-*: undo, unreal, untie, unwell.

Answers for *re-* may include: recall, reset, return.

Answers will vary but may include the following.

Opposites: sick — well, tall — short, hot — cold

Whole to part: shirt — cuff, piano — keys, bread — crust

Locations: Albany — New York, Carmel — California, Fort Wayne — Indiana

Part to whole: tire — car, roof — house, stem — flower

Answers will vary.

**Writing Skills:** Answers will vary.



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