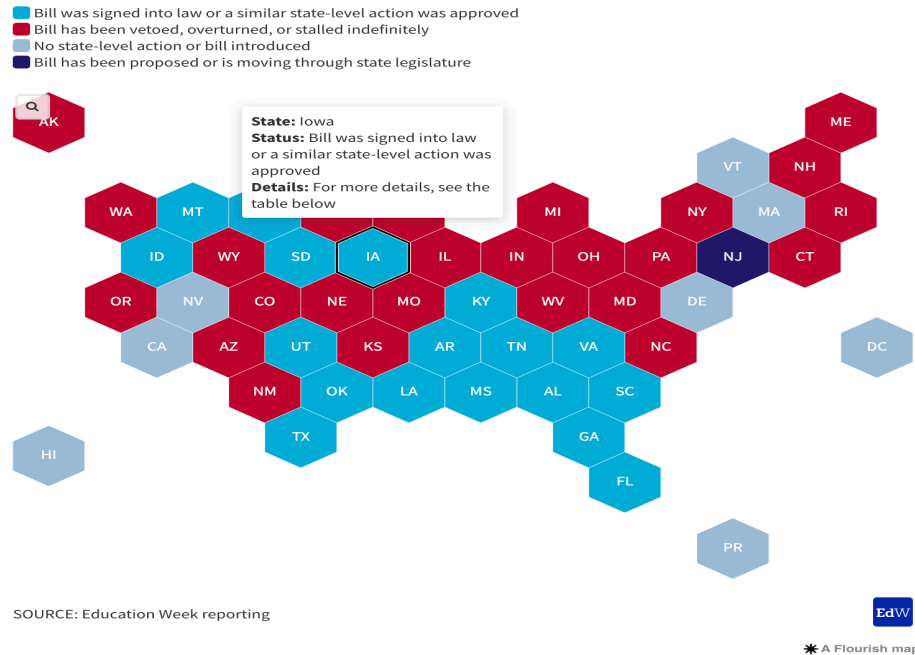


Tiptoeing Through the Minefields in Texas and Beyond

Teaching Modern US History in a Divided
World

The Ongoing Battles



What We Limit with Focusing pre-1973

-an understanding
of the culture
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-the United States
in a multipolar
world

-rise of the new
global economy

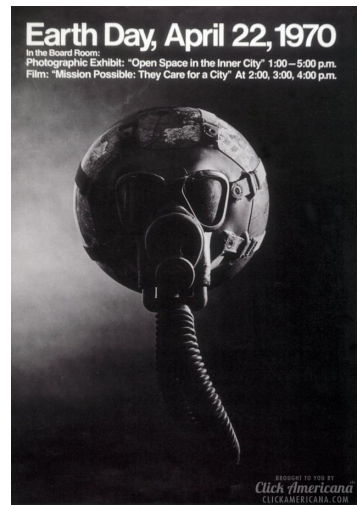
- the rise of
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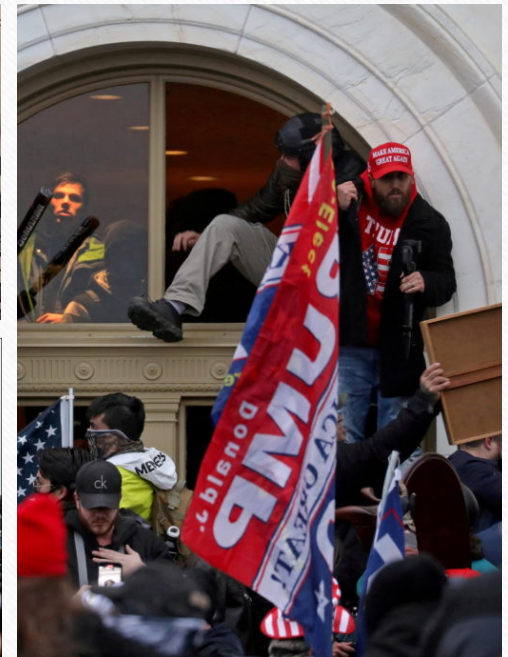
-the rise of the
feminist
movement

-the continued
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rights

-the rise of the
conservative
movement from
Reagan to Trump

-the new
technologies and
their opportunities
and challenges

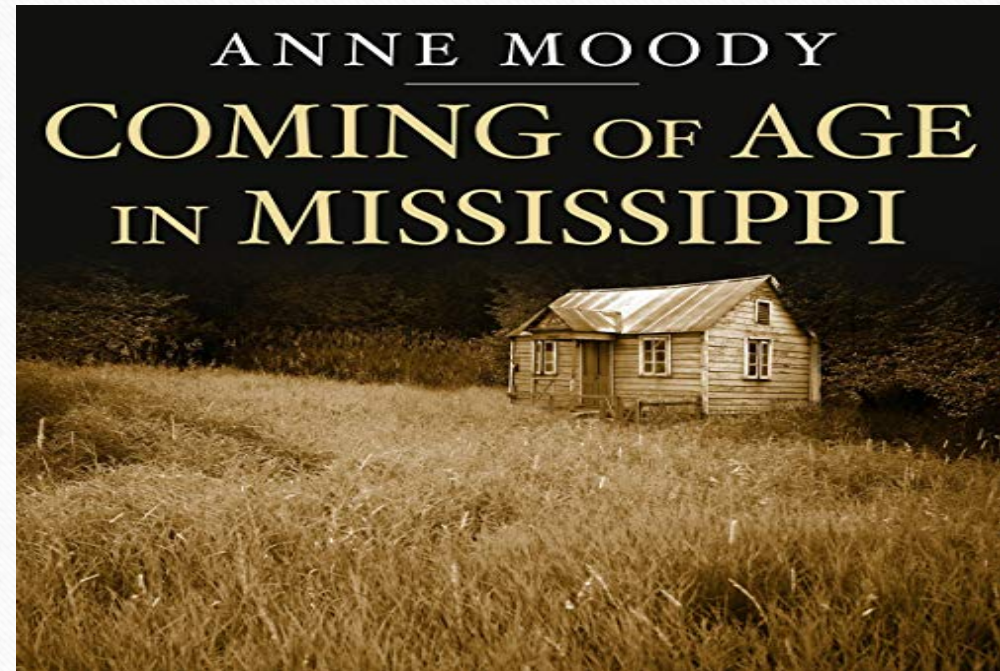
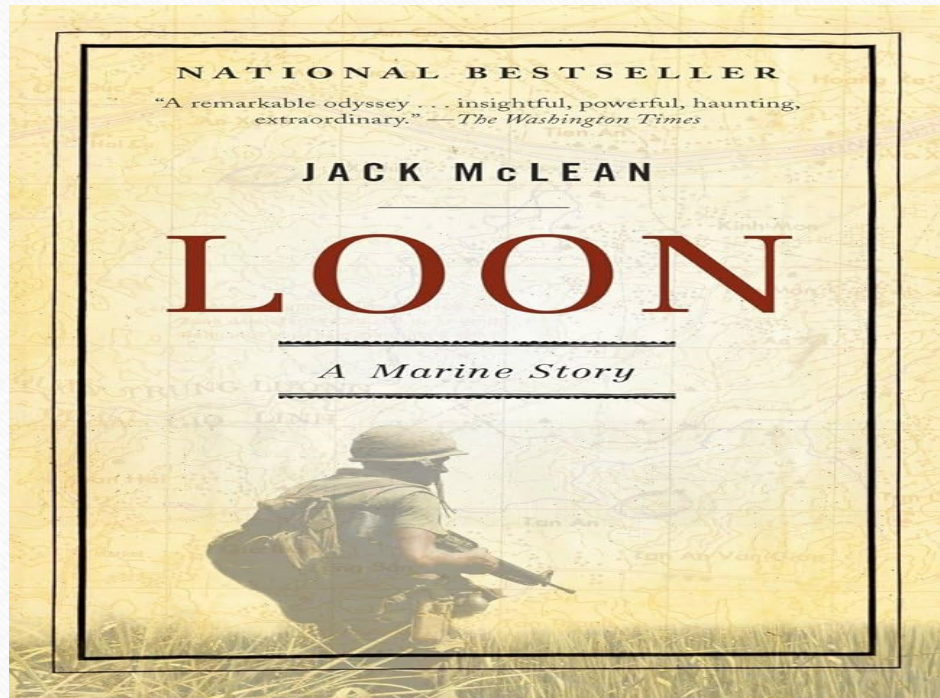




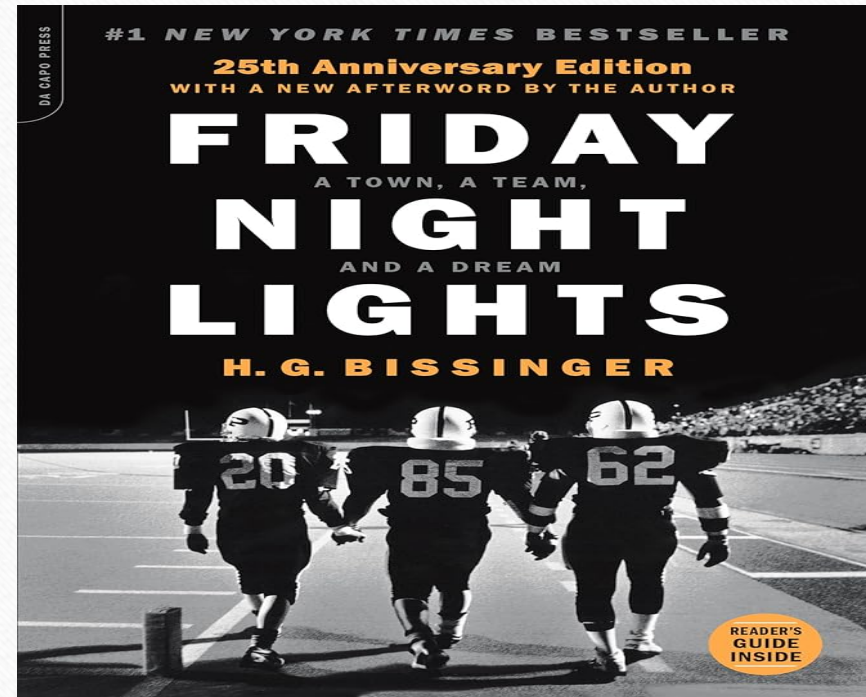
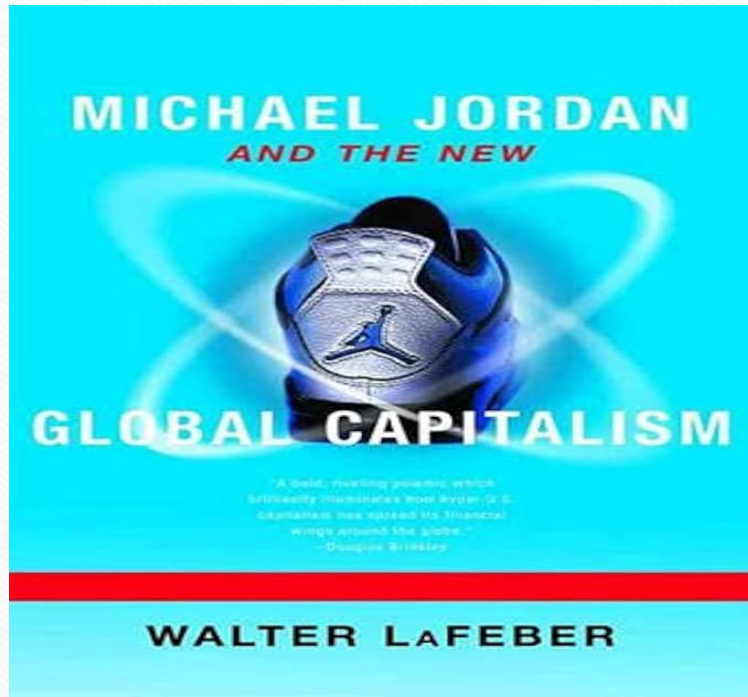
How to Manage the Minefields: Biography as a Possible Solution

- Reasons
 - Biography allows for case studies of experiences and covers many fields.
 - Biography is immensely popular in the general population and among many students, particularly when it relates to their own background.
 - There are many ways to utilize the genre as a teaching tool.

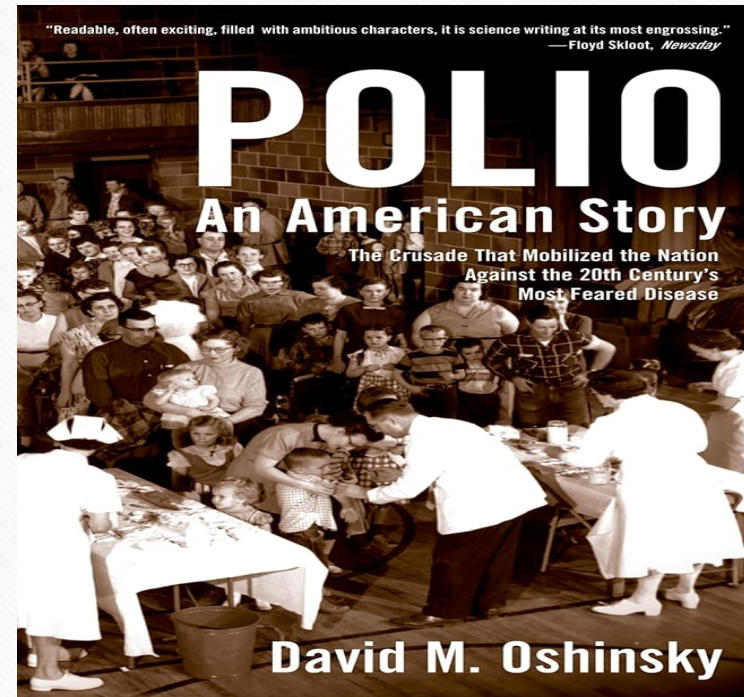
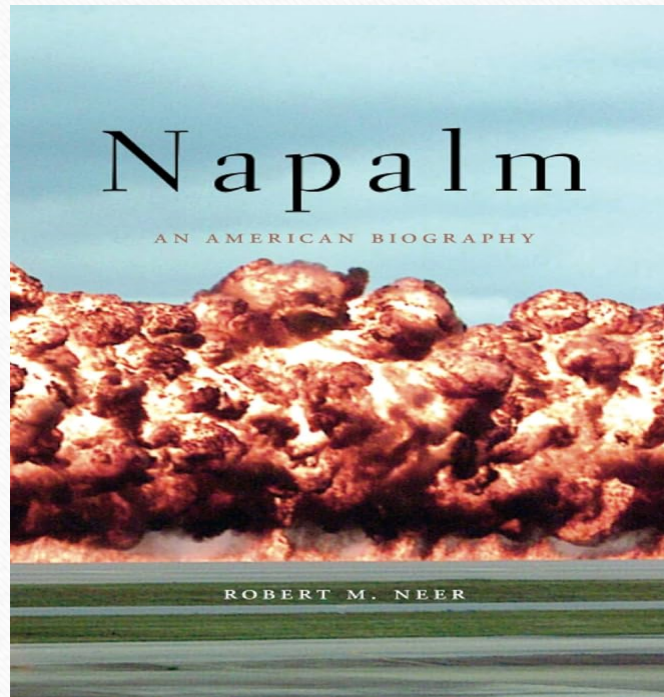
Some Examples



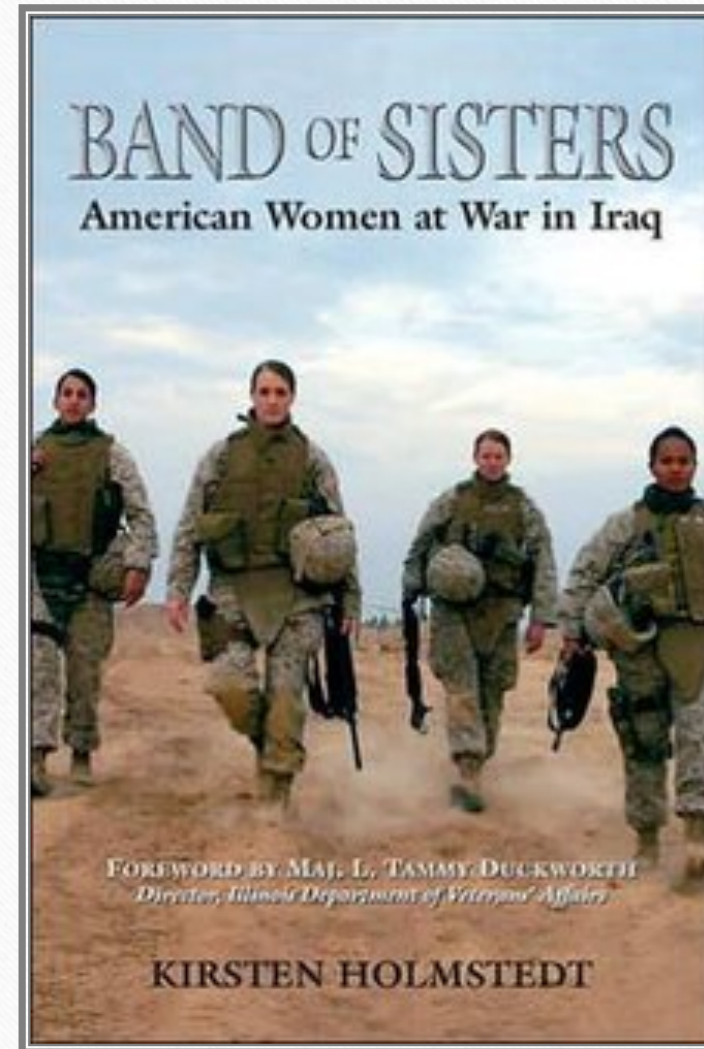
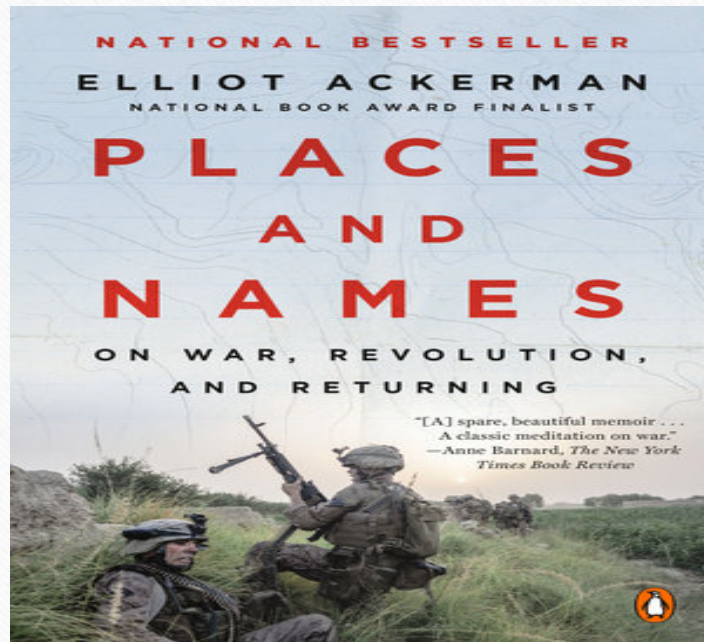
More Contemporary Examples



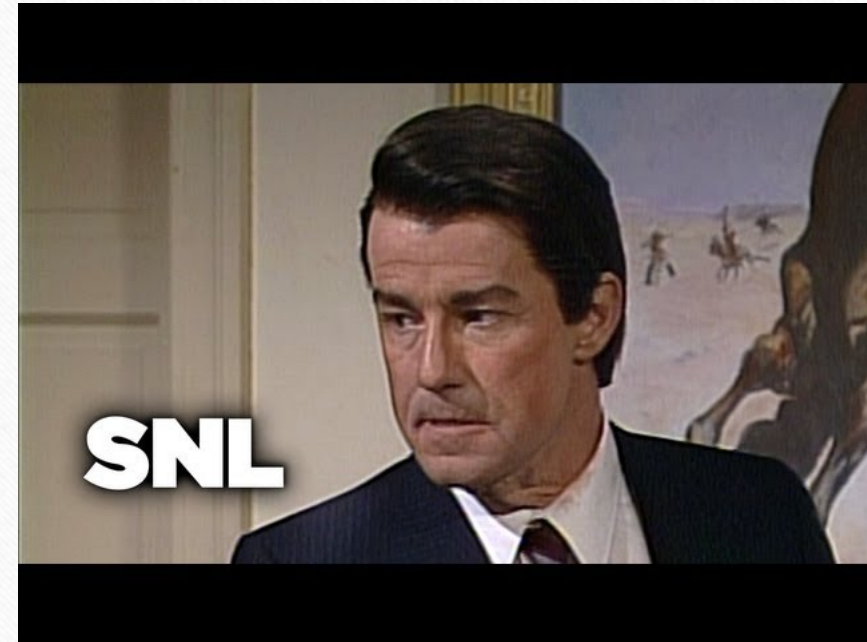
Rethinking Biography's Parameters



Military History and Biography



Media and Biography: Having Some Fun



Possible Topics

Ray
Benavidez

Doris Miller

Beyonce

Hector Garcia

Richard
Edward
Cavazos

Barbara
Jordan

Quanah
Parker

Some Exercises



Write their own Wikipedia articles about themselves.



Write a Wikipedia article or encyclopedia article about a family member or friend.



Create a Wikipedia article or edit an existing one about some historical figure.



Have the students write up local biographical stories or from the region or state (or oral histories)

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