Lady Bird Johnson

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INSTRUCTIONAL SUGGESTIONS

1. PEN PAL PREPARATION: Students will read the article “Lady Bird Johnson” in the Texas Almanac 2010–2011 or the online article:

   http://www.texasalmanac.com/topics/history/lady-bird-johnson

   They will then answer the questions on the Student Activity Sheet and compose an email to a pen pal in another country explaining how Claudia Alta “Lady Bird” Taylor Johnson became a beloved Texas icon.

2. TIMELINE: After reading the article “Lady Bird Johnson,” students will create an annotated, illustrated, and colored timeline of Lady Bird Johnson’s life. Use 15 of the dates found in the article or in the timeline that accompanies the article in the Texas Almanac 2010–2011.

3. ESSAY: Students will write a short essay that discusses one of the two points listed, below:

   a. Explain how Lady Bird’s experiences influenced her life before she married Lyndon Baines Johnson.
   b. Describe and analyze Lady Bird’s influence on the environment after her marriage to Johnson.

   Students may use one of the lined Student Activity Sheets for this activity.

4. SIX-PANEL CARTOON: Students will create and color a six-panel cartoon depicting Lady Bird’s influence on the environment after her marriage to LBJ.

5. POEM, SONG, OR RAP: Students will create a poem, song, or rap describing Lady Bird Johnson’s life. Students may use one of the lined Student Activity Sheets for this activity.

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a. How did Claudia Johnson receive her “Lady Bird” nickname? ________________________
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b. What event(s) caused Lady Bird to become concerned about the environment?  _____________
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Clara Bird excelled in school and college; what degrees did she hold from The University of Texas?  


d When and how did Lady Bird arrive in Washington, D.C.?  ___________________________
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   e. What did Lady Bird use her college education to accomplish?  _______________________
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   f. What 1963 event changed her life?  ____________________________________________
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   g. What actions did Lady Bird take to help the country accept her husband’s Civil Rights Act of 1964?  
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   h. What other important Congressional bills did Lady Bird influence during the presidency of her husband, Lyndon Baines Johnson?  ________________________________
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   i. To what did Lady Bird turn to find comfort or solace during the Vietnam War turmoil in the late 1960s?  
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   j. After LBJ’s death in 1972, how did Lady Bird continue to help the environment?  ______
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STUDENT ACTIVITY

Claudia Alta Taylor “Lady Bird” Johnson

Clockwise from top right: Lady Bird and a friend riding donkeys; fishing; resting during a walk in the woods; playing with her dog; with her Aunt Effie; with Alice Tittle, her nursemaid.
Claudia Alta Taylor “Lady Bird” Johnson

Clockwise from above: Lady Bird at the U.S. Capitol in 1958; groundbreaking at the Wildflower Research Center near Austin in 1982; with LBJ on their ranch in 1959; rafting the Snake River with Interior Secretary Stewart Udall in 1964; with two children during a Beautification of Washington D.C., tour in 1966.