

A wanted poster is a clever way to play with the key facts about your subject. Since people on wanted posters are immediately suspect, your report is immediately funny, especially if your subject did nothing wrong. Tool 4 (opening specific presents) will help you to make a poster that rings with both truth and humor.

**SETUP:**

Make lists of famous people, species, countries, plants, or anything else you are studying. Take a look at the wanted posters on the next page. Notice how they include lists of specific facts about their subject and a mug shot or picture. Dredge up facts about your subject and search for photographs or drawings to include in your wanted poster. Pay particular attention to the main facts of your subject's life, or if you chose a species, describe its main behaviors.

**PUNCH:**

Now create your own wanted poster for the subject you are studying. Include a big picture of your subject and fill your poster with specific facts or details from your research. Include silly statistics or facts to balance the serious ones in your poster. Notice how the writers of wanted posters never write complete sentences. So, use short phrases or lists such as "Last seen in a hotel in Selma, Alabama;" "Wearing a gray fedora." Replace complete sentences with phrases.



(Wanted poster for Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

**Funny Tip:**

Include oddball real research facts about your subject in the poster and you will find it gets both funnier and more intriguing. For example:

Wanted

One Tornado

Last seen sucking a house off its foundation and dropping it in a field in the next state.

**Example:**