

I'm nobody! Who are you?

Are you nobody, too?

Then there's a pair of us – don't tell!

They'd banish us, you know.

How dreary to be somebody!

How public, like a frog

To tell your name the livelong day

To an admiring bog!

(Emily Dickinson)

1891, *Poems, Series 2.*

ACTIVITY 1: PROVOKE THE DISCUSSION

<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-1</p> <p>Elvis Presley</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-2</p> <p>Harry Potter</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-3</p> <p>Maya Angelou</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-4</p> <p>Walt Whitman</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-5</p> <p>John Steinbeck</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-6</p> <p>Frank Sinatra</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-7</p> <p>Donald Trump</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-8</p> <p>Melissa Gates</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-9</p> <p>Marco Polo</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-10</p> <p>Che Guevara</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-11</p> <p>John Lennon</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-12</p> <p>C.S. Lewis</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-13</p> <p>Charles Francis Feeney</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-14</p> <p>Norman Ernest Borlaug</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-15</p> <p>Abraham Lincoln</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-16</p> <p>Nicholas Steno</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-17</p> <p>Nils Bohlin</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-18</p> <p>Justin Bieber</p>

<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-19</p> <p>Kim Kardashian</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-20</p> <p>Maria Sharapova</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-21</p> <p>Andy Warhol</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-22</p> <p>Edward Hopper</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-23</p> <p>Emily Dickinson</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-24</p> <p>Adolf Hitler</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-25</p> <p>Cinderella</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-26</p> <p>[Teacher's name] (insert)</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-27</p> <p>Ellis Bell</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-28</p> <p>Mickey Mouse</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-29</p> <p>Mo Farah</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-30</p> <p>Tim Berners-Lee</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-31</p> <p>Anybody</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-32</p> <p>Bigfoot</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 1-33</p> <p>Snoopy</p>

ACTIVITY 2: VENN DIAGRAM (ORANGE CARDS)

<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-1</p> <p>Emily Dickinson published her poems anonymously.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-2</p> <p>She had 11 poems published in her lifetime.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-3</p> <p>She asked her sister Lavinia to destroy any letters she had received in the event of her death.</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-4</p> <p>She never moved out of her father's home.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-5</p> <p>The first edition of her poems was published five years after she died in 1891.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-6</p> <p>She never married.</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-7</p> <p>She sent some of her poems to editors and publishers such as Samuel Bowles (owner and editor of the <i>Springfield Republican</i> newspaper) and Thomas Wentworth Higginson (frequent contributor to the <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> magazine).</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-8</p> <p>Women of her day were not expected to be intellectuals, leaders, thinkers, philosophers or creators. But Dickinson rebelled.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-9</p> <p>She is now an international figure and considered by some as the greatest ever American poet.</p>

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-10

Emily Dickinson reportedly said to Helen Hunt Jackson, another poet and friend, 'How can you print a piece of your soul?'

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-11

After Dickinson's death, her family altered some of her punctuation style in the hope this would make it more appealing to the public.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-12

Dickinson made copies of more than 800 of her poems, assembled them into 40 groups, and bound each of these groups together with string to form booklets.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-13

FAME

The state of being known or talked about by many people, especially on account of notable achievements.

Oxford English Dictionary

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-14

Her poems were circulated widely among her friends and family.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-15

The only genuine photograph taken of Emily Dickinson in her lifetime was made in 1847, when she was only 16.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-16

NOBODY

A person of no importance or authority.

Oxford English Dictionary

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-17

SOMEBODY

A person of importance or authority.

Oxford English Dictionary

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-18

Dickinson admired many women who did publish their works, such as Elizabeth Barrett-Browning and the Brontës.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-19

Dickinson was a very private person.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-20

She wrote frequently about fame in poems such as 'Success is Counted Sweetest' which was published anonymously.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-21

Dickinson wrote approximately 1,800 poems.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-22

The Brontë sisters used pseudonyms to remain anonymous and to overcome sexist readers.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-23

Emily carefully drafted and revised her poems.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-24

Emily Dickinson didn't leave any instructions with her collection of poems.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-25

Elizabeth Barrett-Browning had one of her major poems, *Aurora Leigh*, published in 1856.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-26

Dickinson sent six of her poems to Thomas Wentworth Higginson the editor of the *Atlantic Monthly*.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-27

'Between 1850 and 1866, ten Dickinson poems appeared in newspapers, all anonymously and probably without her knowledge.'

<http://www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org/>

'[Helen Hunt] Jackson scolded Dickinson for refusing to publish: "You are a great poet—and it is a wrong to the day you live in, that you will not sing aloud."'

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While studying at Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, Dickinson was the one student who wouldn't declare her faith in Christ.

ACTIVITY 2: VENN DIAGRAM (BLUE CARDS)

<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-30</p> <p>'Publication is foreign to my thought.'</p> <p>Letter from Emily Dickinson to Thomas Higginson.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-31</p> <p>Dickinson was unhappy when the punctuation and the organisation of her poems were altered when published.</p> <p>Letter from Emily Dickinson to Thomas Higginson.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-32</p> <p>'My Mother does not care for thought – and Father, too busy with his Briefs – to notice what we do.'</p> <p>Letter from Emily Dickinson to Thomas Higginson.</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-33</p> <p>'Are you too deeply occupied to say if my Verse is alive?'</p> <p>Letter from Emily Dickinson to Thomas Higginson.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-34</p> <p>'If fame belonged to me, I could not escape her; if she did not, the longest day would pass me on the chase, and the approbation of my dog would forsake me then. My barefoot rank is better.'</p> <p>Letter from Emily Dickinson to Thomas Higginson.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-35</p> <p>'It's a great thing to be "great," Loo, and you and I might tug for a life, and never accomplish it, but no one can stop our looking on.'</p> <p>Letter from Emily Dickinson to Louise Norcross (Emily's cousin).</p>
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-36</p> <p>'I smile when you suggest that I delay "to publish," that being foreign to my thought as Firmament [heavens or sky] to Fin.'</p> <p>Letter from Emily Dickinson to Thomas Higginson.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-37</p> <p>'I think in spite of her [Emily Dickinson's] seclusion, she was longing for poetic sympathy and renown.'</p> <p>Letter from Mrs Ford (a family acquaintance) to Mabel Todd.</p>	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-38</p> <p>'Could I make you and Austin – proud – sometime – a great way off – 'twould give me taller feet.'</p> <p>Letter from Emily Dickinson to her sister-in-law Susan Dickinson.</p>

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-39

In April 1883, Emily Dickinson wrote to Thomas Niles, a Boston publisher, thanking him for his kind opinion of her poem. She sent him an extra three poems with this letter.

'Thank you for the kindness. I am glad if the Bird seemed true to you.'

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-40

Dickinson only included titles for a few of her poems.

LESSON 14
Is Fame Important?
2-41

'I had told you I did not print.'

Letter from Emily Dickinson to Thomas Higginson.

ACTIVITY 2: VENN DIAGRAM (GREEN CARDS)

<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-42</p> <p>“Fame is the one that does not stay–” (1507)</p> 	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-43</p> <p>“Fame is a bee.” (1778)</p> 	<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-44</p> <p>“Fame is a fickle food” (1659)</p> 
<p>LESSON 14 Is Fame Important? 2-45</p> <p>“I’m Nobody! Who are you?” (1891)</p> 		