Cordell Hull
Cordell Hull was a Tennessee-born diplomat who served as Secretary of State under Franklin D. Roosevelt. A staunch proponent of free trade, Hull saw free access to markets and raw materials as the key to world peace and progress. Responsible for establishing the United Nations, Hill is most well-known for his work to establish a positive relationship between the US and Latin America.

Alvin C. York
Also known by his rank, Sargent York is famous for being one of the greatest US heroes of World War I. He was responsible for leading an attack on a troop of German soldiers in which York killed 28 soldiers, captured an additional 132, and took 32 machine guns. Upon returning to the US, he was awarded a Medal of Honor for his bravery and success. York’s legacy, however, is his passion for education in the Upper Cumberland.

Pat Summitt
Pat Summitt is the University of Tennessee’s former NCAA women’s basketball coach. She began her career with the Lady Vols in 1974 and currently holds the title for the most winning coach in NCAA history. However, when doing a project on Coach Summitt, the student must be sure to focus on the early part of her career and her work with Title IX. This should not be a biography, but rather a demonstration of how Pat Summitt influenced Title IX and women’s sports as a whole.

Ida B. Wells
A project on Ida B. Wells can be done on many different aspects of the central theme of Leadership and Legacy. Ida B. Wells is known for her role as a civil rights activist, primarily with her work on anti-lynching campaigns, as well as her involvement with the women’s rights movement, where she founded many notable women’s organizations.

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