



Grades 9-12 Resource Guide

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Basic chronology of his life:

Dec. 17, 1936	Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina
1950's	Studied at University of Buenos Aires to become a chemist
1957	Became very ill with pneumonia and had part of his lung removed
1958	Entered the novitiate for the Jesuits and began to study for the priesthood
1960's	Studied humanities, philosophy, and theology while also teaching high school students
Dec. 13, 1969	Ordained as a priest
1970's	Served in a number of leadership roles for the Jesuits in Argentina
1980's	Continued to serve in leadership roles while also completing his doctoral thesis
1992	Consecrated as an auxiliary bishop in Buenos Aires
1998	Named Archbishop Buenos Aires
2001	Elevated to the level of cardinal
March 13, 2013	Elected as the 266th pope and chooses the name Pope Francis

Suggested Activities:

- Lead the youth in a process of creating a storyboard for a "Facebook" "Twitter" or "Instagram" account for Pope Francis. Include the following elements in the home page: Links, Friends, Bio, Profile, Hobbies, Likes/Dislikes, Favorite Music, Favorite Book, Pictures and Main Message
- Use the Busted Halo video on Pope Francis at: <http://bustedhalo.com/video/you-dont-know-jack-about-pope-francis> for a class activity. Prior to watching the video with your class ask the questions that Fr. Jack asks on the street. Then watch and discuss the video with your class.

- Read the Pope Francis, Person of the Year article. Have your students discuss why they would name Pope Francis “Person of the Year.”

Related Enrichment Resources:

- <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>
- <http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/index.cfm>
- <http://ewtn.com/popefrancis/index.html>
- <http://www.news.va/en/news/biography-who-is-jorge-mario-bergoglio>
- <http://poy.time.com/2013/12/11/person-of-the-year-pope-francis-the-peoples-pope/>