**The Secret Life Of Scientists and Engineers Project**

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A. View the clips for the above scientists and answer the following:

1. Which scientist are you most like and why?
2. Participate in the "Ask a Question" part of the blog to ask the 11th (and 12th, ...) question. What kind of question would reveal something about how they think about the world?
3. What information would help break down the scientist stereotype?

(Students can submit questions through the Q&A feature. Each time a new profile launches, the Q&A feature accepts questions for two weeks. Past sets of questions and answers are archived.

B. Write about your secret life as if you were interviewing yourself for a newspaper article. The profile must be written in third person and include quotes.

C. Discuss the assumptions we make about scientists. In what ways did their "secret lives" surprise you? Why do stereotypes persist, and what are some advantages and disadvantages of using them to describe people? How might realizing that we have preconceptions affect our own lives and the assumptions we make about others?