First Library Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to help you learn your way around the library and the computer library catalogues. At first it may seem like busy work, but hopefully you will appreciate them when you are working on your paper.

For the assignment you will be given a name of a mathematician and are asked to find out what you can about him or her. You should find basic biographical records including date of birth and death, place of birth, cause of death, early family life, etc.

You should write a two page paper (double spaced and not too big of a font size). Include information about early education and background, contributions to mathematics (including books or treatises and public/governmental positions), as well as other fields, and whatever information you have found that is of interest (e.g., anecdotes). You must supply references on your sources.

In the future you will be our class expert on the individual and so be prepared to share your information whenever the person’s name comes up in class.

At least 3 references: books, articles, internet: .gov or .org [but only one internet....]
1. Euclid - Ryan
2. Leonhard Euler - Glenn
3. Niccolo Tartaglia - Mandy
4. Girolamo Cardan - Andrea
5. Johannes Kepler - Sarah
6. Galileo Galilei - Tyler
7. Marin Mersenne - Conor
8. Rene Descartes - Michelle
9. Georg Cantor - Mike
10. Robert Hooke - Heather
11. Gottfried Leibniz - Carrie W.
12. James Bernoulli - Jodi
13. Girolamo Saccheri - Carrie M.
14. Joseph Louis Lagrange
15. Adrien-Marie Legendre - Allyson
16. Amalie Emmy Noether - Greg W.
17. Carl Friedrich Gauss
18. Evariste Galois - Nathan
19. Augustine Louis Cauchy - Megan
20. Karl Weierstrass - Steve
21. Arthur Cayley - Doug
22. Sonya Kovalesky - Emily
23. David Hilbert - Lana
24. Bertrand Russell - Amber
25. Bernhard Riemann - Christine
26. Archimedes - Carrie L.
27. Heron of Alexandria - Greg B.
28. Fibonacci - Ron