BIOGRAPHY RESEARCH PROJECT

During the next few weeks, you will be completing a research project about a famous person. You will be researching the person's life and citing the sources you use in the library and computer class. You will use the information you gather to write a report for your classroom teacher and to create a PowerPoint presentation in computer class.

The person you are researching is:

Project Requirements:
- Complete the attached Research Notes
- Complete a Print Source Citation
- Complete an Electronic Source Citation

You will have 4 library classes and 2 computer classes to independently find information for the research notes. The citations will be done as whole class activities in additional library and computer classes. This project will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete.

Your project will be checked and you will be given a half-way check point grade after you have had 2 library classes and 1 computer class to find information. You must have at least 10 facts completed at this half-way check point to earn the 5 points. If you do not have 10 facts, you will receive a zero for your checkpoint grade and a note will go home to your parents.

YOUR PROJECT IS DUE: ________________

IF YOUR PROJECT IS NOT TURNED IN ON THE DUE DATE, 1 POINT WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR EACH DAY THAT IT IS LATE!

Library:
Date of Research Class #1: ________________  
Date of Research Class #2: ________________  
HALF WAY CHECK POINT GRADE GIVEN AFTER LIBRARY CLASS #2
Date of Research Class #3: ________________  
Date of Research Class #4: ________________  
Written Source Citation: ________________

Library Grade:
5 pts. for Halfway Check Point  
Your Score: ________________
40 pts. for completed Research Notes  
Your Score: ________________
5 pts. for Print Source Citation  
Your Score: ________________
5 pts. for Electronic Source Citation  
Your Score: ________________
55 pts. total  
Your Grade: ________________

Computers:
Date of Research Class #1: ________________  
Date of Research Class #2: ________________  
Electronic Source Citation: ________________
Project Instructions:

Every class: make sure you write the date on the front page of your packet and check the teacher notes page!

Step 1: Find the answers to the Research Guide questions. Use your book or the internet to find the answers.
  - You will do this for 3 sections:
    - Childhood
    - Adulthood
    - Interesting Facts

Step 2: Write all of the answers on the Research Notes pages.
  - If you can not find the answer to a Guide question, you may tell another important fact instead.

Step 3: Put a check mark in the appropriate box for death info. Is your person dead or alive?
  - If your person is alive, subtract to find out how old they are.
  - If your person is dead, fill in the questions about their death.

Step 4: Write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences that fill at least 5 lines) explaining why this person is famous or important.
  - You should include facts from your Research Notes. You can also tell new facts that you haven't written anywhere else.

Step 5: Complete the Print Source Citation. You used a book to find your information so you should fill in the top half of the paper.

Step 6: Complete the Electronic Source Citation. Decide if you used an online encyclopedia or a regular website and fill out the correct half of the page.

Try to answer your guide questions FIRST!
If you can not find the answer to the guide question or the question does not fit your person, write an important fact that makes sense instead.

Unacceptable Answers
These types of answers will be marked wrong.

- The book doesn't say.
- I don't know.
- San Diego, California
- She didn't go to college.
- There were no important events that changed his life.
Biography Research Project
Fact and Paragraph Scoring Rubric

Each fact is worth 2 points. Each fact will be evaluated and scored using the following criteria.

0 pts: The fact:
- Is left blank
- Is illegible
- Does not make sense

1 pt: The fact:
- Is not written in a complete sentence
- Answers a guide question but does not provide enough details
- Does not answer a guide question OR is not one of the most important things to know about this person

2 pts: The fact:
- Is written neatly
- Is written in a complete sentence
- Answers a guide question with detailed information OR provides one of the most important things to know about this person with supporting details

The “Why is this person famous or important?” paragraph is worth 10 points.

To earn the full 10 points, the paragraph must meet the following criteria:
- Written in paragraph form. Lists are not acceptable.
- Contains at least 5 sentences
- Fills at least 5 lines
- All sentences are written using correct capitalization and end punctuation
- All sentences support the topic, “Why is this person famous or important?”
Research Guide

During library class, we will brainstorm questions that you will need to answer about your famous person. You will be writing the answers to these questions in the research notes spaces on the next few pages. You should always try to answer these questions first but if you can not find the answer to a question, you can tell another important fact instead.

Childhood

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Birth and Death

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Adulthood

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Name of Person:

Interesting Facts

1.

2.

3.

Why is he/she important or famous?

1.

2.

3.
Biography Research Notes

Your Name: ________________________________

Famous Person: ____________________________

Birth Information ____/2 pts.

Date of Birth: _____________________________

Place of Birth: ____________________________

Write 5 different facts about the person's life as a child. ____/10 pts.

TRY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON YOUR RESEARCH GUIDE FIRST!
IF YOU CAN NOT FIND THE ANSWER TO A GUIDE QUESTION, WRITE ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACT!

1. _______________________________________

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2. _______________________________________

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3. _______________________________________

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4. _______________________________________

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5. _______________________________________

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Biography Research Notes

Write 5 different facts about the person’s life as an adult.

______/10pts.

TRY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON YOUR RESEARCH GUIDE FIRST!
IF YOU CAN NOT FIND THE ANSWER TO A GUIDE QUESTION, WRITE ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACT!

1. ___________________________________________

2. ___________________________________________

3. ___________________________________________

4. ___________________________________________

5. ___________________________________________
Biography Research Notes

Write 3 interesting facts about the person that you have not written anywhere else on the information sheets. _____/6 pts.

These facts should be exciting or unusual!

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

Death Information: _____/2 pts.

Complete as many as possible!

As long you have written some of the information you will earn the points!

CHECK ONE BOX:

☐ My person is still living. He/She is _______________ years old.

Subtract to find out how old your person is!

Current Year:

The year your person was born: _______________

Your person is ___________________ years old!

☐ My person is no longer living.

Date of Death: _____________________________

Place of Death: ____________________________

Cause of Death: ____________________________
Biography Research Notes

Write a PARAGRAPH (at least 5 sentences that fill at least 5 lines) about why this person is famous or important. ____/10 pts.

Think about everything you have learned about your person while doing this project. What did he/she do that everyone should know about? You should include facts from other pages of this packet to help to explain why this person is famous or important! You can also tell new facts that you haven’t written anywhere else.
PRINT SOURCE CITATION
You must complete AT LEAST ONE of the below.

Book Citation

Name of Author
1. Last: __________________________ First: __________________________ Middle Initial: ___

Title of Book: ________________________________________________________________

Publisher: ________________________________________________________________

Place of Publication-City: __________________________________________________

State: ________________________________________________________________

Date of Publication (Copyright Date): ___________________________________

Print Encyclopedia Citation

Name of Author

Last: __________________________ First: __________________________ Middle Initial: ___

Title of Article: __________________________________________________________

Title of Encyclopedia: ______________________________________________________

Publisher: ________________________________________________________________

Place of Publication-City: __________________________________________________

State: ________________________________________________________________

Date of Publication (Copyright Date): ___________________________________
## ELECTRONIC SOURCE CITATION

You must complete AT LEAST ONE of the below.

### Online Encyclopedia Citation

Name of Author  
Last: ___________________ First: ___________________ Middle Initial: ____________

Title of Article: ____________________________

Title of Encyclopedia: ____________________________

Month, Day and Year Accessed: ____________

URL of Article: ____________________________

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### Website Citation

Name of Author  
Last: ___________________ First: ___________________ Middle Initial: ____________

Copyright Date/Date Website was last updated: ____________

Webpage Title: ____________________________

Month, Day and Year Accessed: ____________

URL of Website: ____________________________

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