

Person of Interest Project

Assignment: The student will choose one person from the course, about whom we will learn, and research the person's life in detail. The student will record details and various pieces of information about their chosen person in a format that is easily understood and will make an oral report. The student is responsible for finding credible information from the internet, books, encyclopedias, etc.

Objective: The student's objective is to learn proper research techniques, as well as grasping the importance of individuals throughout the course of U.S. History.

People:

Christopher Columbus	Frederick Douglass
Pocahontas	John Paul Jones
Abigail Adams	Meriwether Lewis
John Adams	William Clark
Samuel Adams	Stonewall Jackson
Benjamin Franklin	Susan B. Anthony
King George III	Elizabeth Cady Stanton
Patrick Henry	Jefferson Davis
Paul Revere	Ulysses S. Grant
Thomas Jefferson	Robert E. Lee
the Marquis de Lafayette	Abraham Lincoln
Thomas Paine	John Quincy Adams
George Washington	John C. Calhoun
Eli Whitney	Henry Clay
Alexander Hamilton	Daniel Webster
James Madison	Harriet Tubman
James Monroe	Clara Barton
Betsy Ross	Mary Todd Lincoln
Andrew Jackson	Harriet Beecher Stowe
Thomas Hooker	Nat Turner
Charles de Montesquieu	
John Locke	
William Penn	

Instructions: Find the following information for your person of interest. After you have researched and found the necessary information, create a poster/power point that includes all the information you found, 3 pictures, and include an essay of at least 2 pages of how your person of interest impacted the United States and you must have all your information and sources properly cited. *The student should use the research questionnaire as the basis for the information for the presentation and for the essay.*

Grading System:

- Research Questionnaire- All information present and specific (15 Points)
- 3 Pictures of, or about, POI (10 Points)
- Essay- (50 Points)
 - At least 2 written/typed pages
 - Proper spelling and grammar usage
 - Accurate historical information
- Citations (25 Points)

Research Questionnaire-

Person:

Birthday:

Birth Place:

Family (Parents, siblings, spouse):

Education:

Three Interests:

1.

2.

3.

Five Important Facts:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Three things about your person of interest as an adult:

1.

2.

3.

Two qualities your person of interest has:

1.

2.

Two obstacle(s) your person of interest was struggled with:

1.

2.

Two accomplishments of your person of interest:

1.

2.

Two things you learned from your person of interest:

- 1.
- 2.

Sources

- Credible Websites
- <http://www.biography.com/>
- <http://www.history.com/>
- <http://www.pbs.org/>
- <http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/>
 - *About.com, Wikipedia.com, and answers.com are not legitimate websites to research from, as anyone can edit the information*
 - Other website approved by Mr. Mayberry upon review
- Library
 - Biographies
 - Encyclopedias
 - Informational texts

Notes and Bibliography: Sample Citations

Students may use www.easybib.com in MLA style