

Multi Genre Research Paper

Choose an historical figure to study in depth. Research the historical figure by researching him/her work by reading what has been written about him/her. As a result of your research and reflections, you will produce a multi genre research paper of 7 to 10 pages. This will be a kind of collage of work, in that the type of writing will be a blend of genres chosen to portray your response to and understanding of the historical figure you have studied.

Objectives: By completing this multi genre research paper, the student will be able to:

- Learn about the life and influences of this particular figure in history
- Learn about his/her work
- Learn about his/her hobbies, passions, ideals
- Write in a number of genres, improving understanding of each as a form
- Prepare a product that reflects research in a creative manner
- Expand practice of creativity and open-ended assignments

So just what do I have to do to complete this assignment?

You have already written a poem, a letter and a resume for you historical figure. These items will need to be included in your final project. In addition you will need to create:

An Introduction to the project. This introduction needs to tell the reader why you chose the person you chose, why you chose the format you chose and what the most interesting thing you found out about your person is.

Write a profile for a magazine. This article is to summarize – in a way interesting to the readers the life and work of your historical figure. Your goal for this article is to share something interesting and unique about this person, so specific references to his/her work and life are important. This article will be at least two pages long.

Choose 3 additional genres from the list below. The other genres may be whatever seems appropriate. The following are some suggestions to help you consider options. The list is not meant to be exhaustive: (These are to be your original writings based upon research you found).

Possible Genres:

Newspaper article (feature story, birth announcement, want ad, news story)

School essay on a summer vacation or an important event (from the author's perspective)

Conversation/dialogue

Birth certificate

Award certificate

Greeting card

Book cover

Map

Photo captions

Wedding invitation

Short story

Character sketch

Narrative essay

Journal entries

Advertisement

Recipe

Yearbook entry

Trivial pursuit game

Lyrics for a song

Play

Timeline, chain of events

Top ten lists

Schedule

Things to do list,

Future goals list

Myth

Tall tale

Fable

Picture book

News program story

Talk show

Interview quotes

Hospital invoice

Flyleaf from a family bible

An "unfound" story written in the author's style

Comic strip

Travel brochure

Science article or report
How to or directions booklet
Glossary or dictionary
Biographical summary
Inner monologue representing internal conflicts
Tabloid article
School newsletter
Award nomination
A scene with one of the author's characters that did not get into the text

Visual: a photo, poster, sketch, a piece of artwork. This can be original or one that you have found in your research. (Be sure to cite your source if it is not original)

Endnotes: These will be located at the end of the product and will identify the research behind the pages of your text, and will explain why you have chosen the particular genre you have chosen. So, each piece in your product will have an accompanying endnote. Your learning log will be very helpful here.

The bibliography is to list all research materials used in compiling your product. You must use MLA formatting for the bibliography. You can find examples on the link to The OWI at Purdue and in the books on the back counter in the room. You may also use the Son of a Citation Machine Link.

In a paper separate from your research product, write a process reflection memo. Reflect upon this assignment and your approach to it. What surprised you? What did you learn? What do you think of this process? How do you feel about your product? Tell me about the best piece of writing in your project and describe why it is the best. Tell about the weakest piece of writing in your paper and describe why it is the weakest. What was hard about writing your multi genre paper? Would you recommend this assignment be used in the future? Explain.