

Laying Out the Qualifications



It's now almost time to begin writing your research paper. This research paper will try to accomplish multiple tasks:

- Provide an overview a small portion of your person's life(without sounding like an encyclopedia entry!), focused on one topic within their life or on one time period in their life
- Make an argument about why your person is influential in today's world
- Provide evidence from your survey and your research of how your person changed our world today

Other requirements for the paper will include:

- 4-5 pages in length
- Includes parenthetical citations and an MLA Works Cited page
- Cites at least five sources total, with at least two of those sources being primary sources
- Has an engaging introduction that identifies the research topic and invites further reading
- Has a clear organizational pattern
- Uses transitions effectively
- Includes a conclusion that entices the reader to consider further implications of the project
- Uses rhetorical devices (covered in more depth in session 5)
- Varying sentence structures for easy reading
- Few, if any, grammatical errors