

Grade 9-10

Expository Compositions

Major Historical Figure Essay

Expository Research Paper: Honors English 10

Writing Prompt: People in the past have stood up for unpopular views and have paid some price for their beliefs (Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Susan B. Anthony, Rosa Parks, etc.). We have read about characters, such as Antigone, Brutus, and Okonkwo, who have made major personal sacrifices in order to defend their principles and help improve their respective societies. Explain in a well-organized research paper how a major historical figure endured hardships and made personal sacrifices in order to bring about social reform (a major positive change in people's lives).

Research Paper Requirements:

- You must use one Internet article, one magazine or newspaper article, one encyclopedia article, and two books
[required minimum = 5 sources).
- You may use more than one magazine or newspaper article and more than two books, BUT YOU MAY NOT USE MORE THAN ONE INTERNET ARTICLE AND ONE ENCLYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE.
- You must have your thesis statement approved by me (see attached worksheet).
- No students in the same period may write about the same person.
- You will be required to turn in:
 1. Thesis/sources worksheet
 2. Bibliography cards (on lined 3x5 cards) 5 TOTAL
 3. Annotated bibliography
 4. Note cards (on lined 4x6 cards] 25 TOTAL
 5. Formal research outline [outline of your entire paper)
 6. Rough draft
 7. Final draft
 8. Works cited page
- All assignments (with the exception of the bib and note cards) must be typed, double-spaced, and size 10 or 12 font
- The research paper will be a minimum of 1500 words (approximately 6 pages)
- The research paper must adhere to MLA requirements [for the annotated bibliography, works cited page, and the parenthetical documentation contained in the paper itself).

After I have provided instruction on library research and formats for each assignment, most of this paper will be done outside of class. Monitor your progress, don't procrastinate, come to see me during lunch, and keep track of deadlines. Deadlines will be given in advance (I cannot give them now because upcoming testing dates and minimum days may change them).

I have read the requirements for the research paper. I am aware that:

1. Students should be working on this assignment on their own time.
2. Students should be monitoring upcoming deadlines (please visit www.schoolnotes.com to check on upcoming deadlines).
3. Students should come in at lunch if they need help...BEFORE the assignment is due.
4. This assignment is the culmination of many important state standards and is based on critical skills for college-bound students. As a result, students who do not complete this assignment will not pass second semester of English 10.

Parent's Name [printed]: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Signature: _____

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