

Notables Personas Speak

Assignment:

The student will prepare a short research statement and give a five-minute presentation, in persona, on a notable a person from a list of personas during the period being studied. See the attached list of personas.

Paper - 70 points – Paper total _____/70

Speech - 80 points – Speech total _____/60

Research Assignment Details:

EQ: How would a notable person from history react to a current world event?

1. Research answers the Essential Question (EQ).
2. Research statement follows the outline.
3. Contains at least two ideas and quotes from the persona selected.
4. Contains the persona's opinion about a current issue.

Note: this is not a copy and paste assignment, grade is dependent on if your paper answers the EQ. Any plagiarism will result in a grade of a 0 for the entire project.

Outline:

- I. Intro
 - a. Brief background on persona
 - b. Answer EQ as thesis
- II. More info on his/her life
- III. Quote and idea from the persona #1
 - a. Example and quote explained
- IV. Quote and idea from the persona #2
 - a. Example and quote explained
- V. Current event
 - a. Event (like the war in Iraq) explained
 - b. A prediction of how the persona would react to the event
- VI. Conclusion

Paper Yes Test - Up to seven points per item - 70

1. Follows the outline
2. Written in third person
3. Answers EQ in a thesis
4. Has a brief description of the persona's life
5. Idea or quote 1
6. Idea or quote 2
7. Idea or quote 1 explained
8. Idea or quote 2 explained
9. Current event explained
10. Persona's reaction to the event predicted

Speech/Presentation Assignment Details:

EQ: How would you, as a notable person from history, react to a current world event?

1. Student attempts to dress in character of persona.
2. Speech is at least five and not more the ten minutes in length.
3. Student describes the persona's life in first person.
4. Student quotes, in first person, a notable idea, phrase or exact quote from the persona.
5. Student describes a current world event.
6. Student describes in first person, how the persona would react or what they would think about a current world event.

Speech/Presentation Yes Test - 6 points per item – 60 points possible

1. Speech answers EQ
2. Dressed in character
3. First person used throughout
4. Life briefly described in first person
5. Ideas briefly described in first person
6. Example 1 and/or quote stated in first person
7. Example 2 and/or quote stated in first person
8. A current world event is described
9. Reaction and thoughts about current world event is described in first person
10. Speech is at least five and not more the ten minutes in length.

The Persona assessment is anchored in authentic tasks using GRASPS:

- What is the **G**oal in the scenario?
For the time period or era assigned, the student will present a person character's essential ideas and opinions in the form of a first person speech, on a current event news story based on a student generated short research statement that follows a teacher generated outline.
- What is the **R**ole?
An historic first person persona from a teacher generated list that covers the era assigned.
- Who is the **A**udience?
The class and/or parents
- What is your **S**ituation (context)?
Student dresses in garb/clothes/outfit of the chosen character and presents that historic person's essential ideas and views on current world events in a singular speech.
- What is the **P**erformance challenge?
To connect the persona's essential ideas to a projected opinion on current events based on the persona's philosophy or ideas.
- By what **S**tandards will work be judged in the scenario?
The will fulfill a teacher identified AZ standard for the social studies and will be performance will be judged on a teacher generated Yes Test and/or rubric.