

LEADERSHIP & LEGACY *in history*

National History Day Initial Proposal and Research

Name _____

Class Period _____ Due Date – Sept. 26

After you have chosen a topic and done some preliminary research, complete the following assignment. On separate paper, answer the following questions. Follow MLA format (heading, 1 inch margins, double space, 12 pt. appropriate font). At the end, include an annotated bibliography that has at least 6 sources. At least 2 sources must be primary. You may use Easybib.com or Bibme.com if you like. Save your annotated bibliography on a separate Word document. Print it out and staple it to the rest of the assignment.

_____ MLA format

Questions

_____ 1st paragraph - What is this year's theme? What is your topic?

_____ 2nd paragraph - Explain how your topic fits this year's theme.

_____ 3rd paragraph - Outline the personal background info on the "leader(s)"?

_____ 4th paragraph - Describe the *time period* in which the leader(s) emerged. What was happening, when, where? In other words, what was the historical context?

_____ 5th paragraph - How did the "leader(s)" gain popularity? How did he/she/they become "leaders?" Who were the followers or supporters?

_____ 6th paragraph - Explain the "legacy" of your leader(s). Was it positive or negative? How has history changed because of your topic? In other words, what is the impact, or "so what"?

_____ 7th paragraph - Discuss your research process. What is your plan for researching this topic? What issues might you face when researching this topic? What is your plan if you encounter research issues – where will you go for help?

_____ Bibliography

Use this sheet as a checklist to make sure you've included the required information. Staple it to the front of the assignment. (this sheet, Proposal, Bibliography)



Congratulations on deciding on a "peach" of a topic! You are on your way to a great NHD research adventure!