

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Black History Month Project**

**Due March 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> (Depending on your block)**

February is Black History Month and in honor of that we will be researching and writing about famous African Americans in American history. Some of the names may be familiar to you, others may be new, but all are important for one reason or another.

### **Your Assignment:**

- You will select one of the people from the list provided. We will be talking briefly about each in class prior to you working on the project.
- This is **not a group assignment** and you may not work with a partner, this **is an individual project**.
- Each person can only be chosen once per block class. There will not be 2 students in the same class selecting the same person. The selection process will be done in class and will be random.

### **What you will be doing:**

- Each student will research their topic person and write no less than a **4 page paper (not including title page, double spaced)**. It can be typed or hand written. You can write on the front and back of the page or just write on the front of each page. Whatever you decide it must be 4 pages.
- There must also be a work cited page, which will include websites or other sources where you took and used information from. **You MAY NOT plagiarize (copy and paste) others work even if you cite it.** You will use a minimum of 3 sources.

### **What should my paper look like?**

- **Title Page** – Your introduction page which gives the title of your paper, your name, your class and block.

**Example – Mr. V – Block 3/A**

Research Biography of Jesse Owens

By: Stan Jones

- **Page 1-4** – This is where you're putting your actual research information. It should follow all standard writing formats.
- **Works Cited Page** – This is where you're putting your sources and citations for your research.

- If you're typing the font should be no larger than 12 and you should use Times New Roman. **Any font larger than 12 will not be accepted.**
- **Work cited page** – This is in addition to the 4 page paper. You will use a minimum of 3 sources. The sources you use will be listed here. There are links on my teacher website which will help you cite your work, and we will discuss how to do so in class.

### **DUE DATES (VERY IMPORTANT)**

- **February 22<sup>rd</sup>/23<sup>th</sup> (depending on your block)** – You will hand in a copy of at least 3 sources you have found. Please do not hand in your original sheet, hand in a copy. This will count as grade for 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period. Failure to hand this in will result in a 0 for this portion of the project. Unless you are absent or speak to me before the due date, **I will not accept any late hand in's.**
- **February 29<sup>th</sup>/March 1<sup>st</sup> (depending on your block)** – You will hand in a 1-2 page rough draft of your project. This can either be typed or hand written. It DOES NOT have to include a works cited page or a title page. This rough draft will count as a project grade for 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period. Failure to hand this in will result in a 0 for this portion of the project. Unless you are absent or speak to me before the due date, **I will not accept any late hand in's.**
- **March 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> (depending on your block)** – You will hand in your final (published) copy of your project. It must be 4 pages (Including a title page) and be formatted as described above. It must also include a works cited page. **I will not accept any late hand in's.**

### **Final Comments**

- **Plagiarism** will not be tolerated and will result in a 0 for this project, no exceptions.
- **IF YOU NEED HELP** come speak with me, I'm usually in early and stay late on Friday's and could stay late during the week if you need to use a computer or need help in any way. I'm readily available to answer any questions, so please ask if you have any concerns regarding this project.
- **Alternative methods** – Some of you may want to know if you can do a PowerPoint project instead. Great question!! You may turn in a PowerPoint project of no less than 7 slides along with a 2 page writing (including title page and works cited page) instead of doing a 4 page paper. **If you select this option** please make sure you have access to a computer, have access to PowerPoint or Google slides at home, AND are able to share the slide show with me.
- **Google Share** – Is acceptable however you must **ALSO HAND IN A HARD COPY!** Some of you have shared things with me I cannot open, so a hard copy is a must!