

Renaissance Research Project Rubric

Overview:

- Select 1 Renaissance Person (use Chapter 30 or choose your own person with permission)
- Do research using your textbook, the Internet, and the library
- Prepare a 5-minute presentation. You have 3 options:
 1. A 3-page typed research paper/essay (to be read aloud)
 2. A 1-page typed research paper/essay PLUS a short slideshow presentation including pictures
 3. A 1-page typed research paper/essay PLUS a poster with pictures
- You may work with up to ONE other person or BY YOURSELF—no groups of 3

Specifics (rubric):

Presentation – 20 points

- 5 minutes in length
- “Presenter voice” so everyone can hear
- Clear speech
- Eye contact with audience
- Answers questions if asked

Research – 20 points

- 10 index cards with notes
- At least 4 different sources
- Copied facts have “quotes”
- Sources written down correctly
(see directions on back)

Research Paper – 60 points (paper only option) or 30 points (one-page option)

- Title Page (doesn't count toward page count): includes title, your name, date, class period, all centered on one page, attached to the front of paper
- Sources Cited Page (doesn't count toward page count—see directions on back)
- 3 full pages (or 1 if doing 1-page option) of text in paragraph form
- Typed in 12-pt font (Arial, Book Antiqua, Garamond, Tahoma, or Times New Roman)
- Typed with 1” margins on top, bottom, and sides
- Typed with 1.5 spacing (not single, not double)
- Has introductory and closing paragraphs
- Body paragraphs include details
- Correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- Includes information about the person's background (where from, when born, etc.), what they're known for (be specific—what did they paint or write), and anything else you find interesting

Slide Show Presentation – 30 points (option 2)

- Title Page includes title, your name(s), and at least 1 picture
- Multiple slides—all with words and at least 1 picture
- Should last the entire 5 minutes
- Should have at least 5 slides minimum
(C), 10 for an (A)
- Must include person's name, where from, and what they are famous for
- Saved as your name

or Poster– 30 points (option 3)

- Must include title: the person's name
- Must include, at MINIMUM, where the person is from and what they're famous for
- Must include a minimum of 5 pictures
- Must be colorful
- Must be neat with no cross-outs or misspellings
- Name(s) on back

Index Cards:

- Index cards are for taking notes and to organize your research.
- On the red (title) line, write down your source (where you got the information)
- On the blue lines, take notes. You may use both sides.
- If copying directly, you must put “quotation marks” around what you’ve copied.
- If writing in your own words, you do not need quotes.
- You need a different card for each source, but also for different topics from the same source.
- When you write your paper, organize your cards into categories (information about the person, information about what they did, etc.) to help you write your paragraphs. Include some quotes.

Citing Sources:

Your paper will include one page listing all your sources. You will title the page: Sources Cited. You will also add the source to your paper if using quotes.

IN-TEXT CITATION

- Notice, you write down who said it and in what year, then you write the quote, then you put the page number:

Yanovski and Yanovski (2002) reported that “the current state of the treatment for obesity is similar to the state of the treatment of hypertension several decades ago” (p. 600).

ENTRY IN SOURCES CITED

- For a book, you write the author(s) last name, first initials, then the (year) in parenthesis, then the name of the book, the publisher, and the page you used.

O’Brien, J. A. (2006). *The production of reality: Essays and readings on social interaction* (4th ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press., 591-692.

- For a website, you include as much of this information as possible (if listed) and you include the words: **retrieved from** http://www._____, listing the URL or website.

Miscellaneous Other:

- Remember, to **save a picture**, click the picture in Google, press **control-click** to bring up a menu, and choose “**save as**” –save it to your folder in the documents.
- To **copy on a Mac**, you use **command-C** and to **paste** you use **command-V**
- To **center**, first type the text, **THEN** highlight it and choose center.
- To **change the spacing**, first type, **THEN** highlight and go to **format, paragraph** (or check the toolbar).
- To **check margins**, go to **format, document, change**, then click **OK**. Make sure it is for the whole document.