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Free Resource Library

MAY THEME

RESEARCHING

“Some of use may be in the last weeks of school, while others have another month. Either way, you are looking for resources that will end the year right for your students. That is why I created resources to help with a perfect way to end the school year, and that is a research paper!

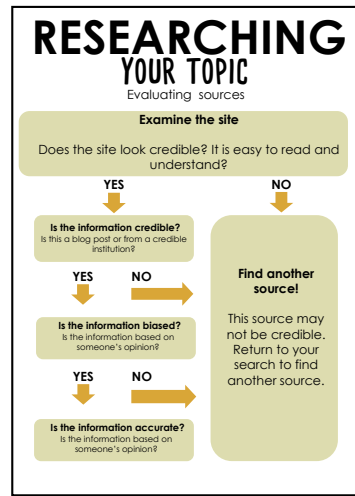
Whether you believe it or not, middle school students love to do research . I recently took a survey of my students, and 90% preferred researching.

The end of the year is a great time to implement research strategies. Researching provides students with an excellent opportunity to choose a topic of interest and practicing those research skills. “

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-Alaina

Evaluating sources cheat sheet

When researching, students use this cheat sheet to determine if a source is credible. It will help them determine the reliability of sources.



Avoiding plagiarism worksheet

Students struggle with plagiarism. Use this worksheet to help students understand the importance of giving credit. This pdf is fillable for students.

CHOOSING A RESEARCH TOPIC
WORLD HISTORY

PEOPLE | DIVERSE | MISCELLANEOUS

Monso Musa
Alexander the G
Confucius
Queen Elizabeth
The Tung Sisters
Nikola Tesla

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CIVICS

PEOPLE

Sacagawea
Alexander I
Frederick De
Susan B. Ant
Eleanor Roo
Bill Gates

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CIVICS

PEOPLE	CONFLICTS	MISCELLANEOUS
Thomas Jefferson	American involvement in World War I	Ideals in the Declaration of Independence
James Madison	American involvement in World War II	Women's roles in early government
Abigail Adams	America's fights against communism	The media and the government
Marlin Luther King Jr.	American involvement in the Cold War	Expansion of civil rights
Cesar Chavez	September 11th Terrorist Attack	Expansion of voting rights
Presidents of the United States	Gulf War I and Gulf War II	Foreign and Domestic Policy

Topics

Students stuck on what to research? Use this guide to help students find topics!

This comes in three versions (civics, world history and U.S. history)

Did you research poster

Students can use this as a reminder to check their work before submitting a research paper. You can add this as a reference to an online assignment or have it printed for your classroom.

WRITING YOUR PAPER
Avoiding Plagiarism

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Use this rule of thumb
"if you copy and paste, place in quotes"

Let's look at an example
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Tasha wants to use the following line
I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Look at the two lines, which line is the correct way to use a source and which one is plagiarized?

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DID YOU DO YOUR RESEARCH?

REREAD YOUR WORK

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SELECT APPROPRIATE SOURCES

END YOUR ESSAY WITH A CONCLUSIONS

ANSWER YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION?

RReview your introduction

CITE YOUR SOUCES

HELP YOUR CLASSMATES WITH PEER EDITING

RESEARCHING YOUR TOPIC

Evaluating sources



Examine the site

Does the site look credible? It is easy to read and understand?

YES



Is the information credible?

Is this a blog post or from a credible institution?

YES



Is the information biased?

Is the information based on someone's opinion?

YES



Is the information accurate?

Is there any incorrect information or typos? Is this information recent?

NO



NO



NO



Find another source!

This source may not be credible. Return to your search to find another source.



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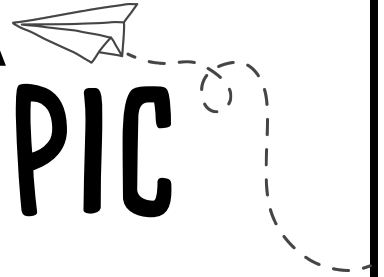
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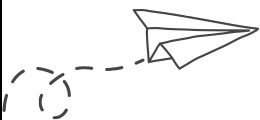
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WORLD HISTORY



PEOPLE	PLACES	MISCELLANEOUS
Mansa Musa	Ancient Egypt	Symbolism in Ancient Civilizations
Alexander the Great	The Silk Road	Women's Roles in ancient civilization
Confucius	The Mongolian Empire	Hammurabi's Code
Queen Elizabeth I	South American Colonization	Role of mythology
The Trung Sisters	The Haitian Revolution	The Renaissance
Nikola Tesla	Decolonization	Latin American Revolution



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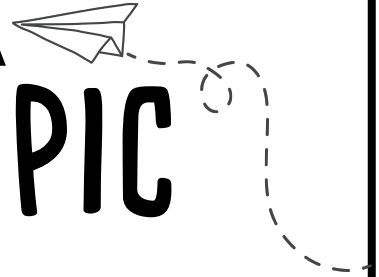


PEOPLE	MOVEMENTS	EVENTS
Sacagawea	The First Great Awakening	Declaration of Independence
Alexander Hamilton	American Revolution	Causes of the Civil War
Frederick Douglass	Abolitionist Movement	Impact of Native Americans culture
Susan B. Anthony	Manifest Destiny	Impact of the Emancipation Proclamation
Eleanor Roosevelt	Women's rights movement	World War I
Bill Gates	Chicano Movements	World War II

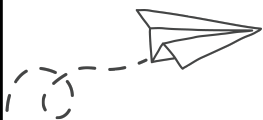


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