

Name _____ Date _____

Explorer Research Report

You are an assistant to Mary Pope Osborne, writer of the Magic Tree House series. She wants you to research a new book for her new Magic Tree House book on Early Explorers to the New World/America. When you complete this project, you will not only learn more about your explorer's life, but you will also be able to teach your classmates about it, too!

Step 1: Know the Basics the Basics

My Explorer to Research is: _____

This Completed Research Packet & Works Cited Due on: _____

Rough Copy Due on: _____

Research Report Due on: _____

Step 2: Research & Get Your Information & Get Your Information

In order to learn more about your explorer and write your report, you must do RESEARCH and find out LOTS of information! In Step 3, you'll complete a "Works Cited" page, listing the sources you used.

Think of this as your prewriting step of the writing process. Make sure you get enough information about your explorer to write a detailed report!

***Remember, your information MUST be in YOUR OWN WORDS and cannot be directly copied from a book or website....don't PLAGIARIZE.**

A: Meet the Explorer

*Birth (date & place): _____

*Death (date): _____

*Anything important in explorer's life that led to why or how they became an explorer:

B: Background Info on the Exploration

*What country sponsored the explorer? _____

*Who was involved or helped?

*Had anyone else ever explored this region? Why? Were they successful?

C: Area Explored :

*What area, or region, did the explorer explore? Describe it.

*When did he explore it (what years)? _____

*Who lived there before? What were they like? Did they welcome the explorer or want him out?

*Why was the explorer exploring this region, and what did he hope to find? What was his goal?

D: Effects of Exploration - What is He Famous For?

What is He Famous For? *Was the explorer successful? What did he gain, or accomplish? _____

*Why & how is this exploration important in our history? Are there any lasting effects?

*How did the exploration affect the natives already living on the land?

*How did the exploration affect the explorer and his country? Did they move to the new land?

Follow this format for your “Works Cited” page.

| Books | Websites |
|---|---|
| <p>Author (last name, first name). Title. Copyright date.</p> | <p>Author (last name, first name). “Title of Website.” Date you visited website. Full web address.</p> <p>*if there is no author, start with the title * www.google.com or www.yahoo.com are NOT acceptable sources. They are search engines. You need to write the internet address that Google brings you to.</p> |
| Sample | Sample |
| <p>Pipe, Jim. Great Explorers: Discovering the World. 2008.</p> | <p>“Enchanted Learning.” April 4, 2011. http://www.enchantedlearning.com/nosuchfile.html</p> <p>*this sample does not have an author</p> |

Step 4: Write Rough Copy

You’re done collecting your research & now it’s time to write your actual report! Use the research in your completed boxes to write the rough copy of your research report. This is like the drafting, rough copy part of the writing process. Make sure you organize your info in a logical way that makes sense. For example, don’t just put fun trivial info at the end of your report because it’s in the last research box. Where does it best fit in your report? You may decide to use headings in your report to organize your information, like a textbook does.

*This is the hardest & longest part of the assignment!

Step 5: Revise & Edit Rough Copy

Check over your rough copy very CAREFULLY!! Remember that your classmates and Ms. Osborne will be learning from your report. Your sentences must be complete, words must be spelled correctly, and your information must be accurate. You must present your information in a logical order that makes sense to the reader. Think of this as the revising and editing stages of the writing process.

Step 6: Write Final Copy of Research Report Research Report

Think of this as the final stage of the writing process. You will type your report. Don't use fancy fonts and sizes because they're hard to read! Make sure it looks nice! Use the rubric on the next page to check that you have followed ALL directions and that your assignment is complete!

Step 7: Finishing Touches Finishing Touches

Now for the fun part! You will need a cover page for your research report with a picture of your explorer. Be creative with your cover page! Make it look nice!

The cover page should include:

- your name
- due date
- subject
- picture of explorer
- a title

Also, before handing in your explorer report, make sure it is organized in the following order:

- 1) cover page
- 2) research report
- 3) works cited page
- 4) this packet

Step 8: Get Graded on Your on Your on Your Research Report Research Report!

The rubric below will be used to grade your research report. Check it over to make sure you've followed directions and done your best work!

| Component | Description | Possible Points | Points Earned |
|--|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| Cover Page | Do you have all the components? (name, due date, subject, title, picture) Does it look neat and presentable? | 10 | |
| Overall Content of Written Report | Information organized logically? Well written? Sentences make sense? Accurate and interesting information? Enough information? | 40 | |
| Own Words | Written in own words? | 5 | |
| Grammar | Are your sentences complete? Correct spelling, punctuation, sentences, etc.? | 10 | |
| Works Cited Page | Says "Works Cited" on the top and on its own page? All sources listed correctly, according to previous directions and sample? | 15 | |
| Rough Copy Packet | Is your packet included and complete? | 10 | |
| Neat and organized | Is your report typed neatly? Is everything in the correct order? (cover page, report, works cited, research packet) | 10 | |
| Extra Effort | Did you do anything to go above and beyond what was required? | 5 | |
| TOTAL | | 100 | |

