First and Last name

Unit 4 Lesson 3

English 9B

Date

**PLEASE COMPLETE Rsearch Questions & Thesis Statement to earn full credit.**

Research Questions and Thesis Statement Portfolio

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. **Choose ONE of the thirteen influential people below to research and complete this portfolio on.** **You will continue to use this research subject for the entire unit 4 portfolio. Please do not switch topics or you will need to start over.**
2. **After you select your person to research, you need to use the 2 websites given and find a THIRD website on your own to help you research and learn about your topic (person).**
3. **Take notes on the person’s life and accomplishments on your own note cards or document. Remember to paraphrase the information into your own words unless you are copying a quote.**
4. **Next, answer each of the 3 questions below using each of your three websites. For example, for question #1, use website #1, and for question #2, use website #2, etc.**
5. **You only need to answer briefly and use the bullet points provided. Remember, use your own words (do not copy information from the website).**
6. **Submit your completed worksheet to Unit 4 Lesson 3 Dropbox for grading.**

**Choose ONE person from this list below as the topic of your research essay. You will also need to research and find a THIRD website source to use.**

Rosa Parks

<http://www.rosaparks.org/biography/>

<https://www.biographyonline.net/humanitarian/rosa-parks.html>

Cesar Chavez

<https://ufw.org/research/history/story-cesar-chavez/>

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Cesar-Chavez>

Thomas Edison

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/edison-company-motion-pictures-and-sound-recordings/articles-and-essays/biography/life-of-thomas-alva-edison/>

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Thomas-Edison>

Mahatma Gandhi

<https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/indian/gandhi.html>

<http://www.history.co.uk/biographies/mahatma-gandhi>

Leonardo Da Vinci

<https://www.leonardoda-vinci.org/biography.html>

<http://www.history.com/topics/leonardo-da-vinci>

Marie Curie

<https://www.famousscientists.org/marie-curie/>

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Marie-Curie>

J. K. Rowling

<https://www.jkrowling.com/about/>

<https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/j_k_rowling.html>

Bill Gates

<https://www.biographyonline.net/business/bill-gates.html>

<https://www.biography.com/people/bill-gates-9307520>

Jackie Robinson

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Jackie-Robinson>

<https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/bb9e2490>

Susan B. Anthony

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Susan-B-Anthony>

<http://susanbanthonyhouse.org/her-story/biography.php>

Queen Victoria

<https://www.biographyonline.net/royalty/queen-victoria.html>

<http://www.history.co.uk/biographies/queen-victoria>

Alexander Hamilton

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Alexander-Hamilton-United-States-statesman>

<http://www.ushistory.org/valleyforge/served/hamilton2.html>

William Shakespeare

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/31941581>

<http://www.biography.com/news/william-shakespeare-400th-anniversary-facts>

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

(SEE TEACHER SAMPLE BELOW ON PAGE 5 TO HELP YOU!)

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| Topic/Person: |  |

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| **RESEARCH QUESTION #1:**  Using one of your 3 website sources, list 5-6 things that this person is most well-known for (Why are they famous or well-known?).  Copy/Paste URL for Website #1- |
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| **RESEARCH QUESTION #2:**  Using a second website from your 3 website sources, list 5-6 important things that happened to your person in their personal life **(Perhaps what has happened in their personal life that caused them to be successful or well-known?).** (Be sure to avoid obvious answers such as birth or death, unless there was some other significance beyond the obvious related to those types of events.)  Copy/Paste URL for Website #2- |
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| **RESEARCH QUESTION #3:**  Using your third website source, take a look at the person's legacy, and list 3-4 pieces of information you could use in your essay. What effects has their life had? Why is this person's life so well-known and influential?  Copy/Paste URL for Website #3- |
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Research Thesis Statement

**DIRECTIONS:** Using the person you chose above, please fill-in your topic, opinion, and three reasons (**your three reasons should relate to your three research questions from above**). Then, you must create a thesis statement using all of your information. **Remember: your thesis statement should be 1-2 clear, clean, concise sentence(s). DO NOT USE 1ST OR 2ND PERSON PRONOUNS (I, me, my, our, us, we, you, your, yourself, you're).**

**Thesis Statement Explanation:**

A thesis statement consists of a topic + an opinion/argument about the topic (person) + evidence (3 support reasons for your opinion)

Examples:

* Jack London had an interesting life because he was a well-known novelist, suffered many hardships, and taught important lessons about life through his writing.
* Jack London impacted society through his novels from a unique perspective, writing about hardship based on his early life experiences, and the spirit of adventure and survival that has inspired future generations.

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| **Put your Thesis statement here:**  (opinion + 3 reasons) |  |

Research Questions TEACHER SAMPLE

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| Author that you're writing about: | Jack London  (he is not an option for you, he is being used as a sample so that you understand the expectations) |

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| **RESEARCH QUESTION #1:**  Using one of your 3 website sources, list two or three things that this person is most well-known for (Why are they famous or well-known?). |
| * Jack London is well-known for writing the novels The Call of the Wild, White Fang, and Martin Eden * Call of the Wild discusses the ideas of slavery and greed through the eyes of a dog * unique perspective of very serious issues allows younger generations to understand his writing |
| **RESEARCH QUESTION #2:**  Using a second website from your 3 website sources, list two or three important things that happened to your person in their personal life **(Perhaps what has happened in their personal life that caused them to be successful or well-known?).** (Be sure to avoid obvious answers such as birth or death, unless there was some other significance beyond the obvious related to those types of events.) |
| * got a job at the very young age of 10 selling newspapers to help support his family. learned what it meant to be at the bottom of the food chain and having to work hard to support his family. * the boat that he bought was taken from him causing him to decide to ultimately live as a homeless person going from door to door begging for food and work to survive. started thinking about capitalism and socialism, which influenced many of his writings. * A third interesting fact about Jack London is that in 1896, he joined the Socialist Labour Party. This inspired him to write an essay on how he became a socialist as well as influenced many of his other novels. |
| **RESEARCH QUESTION #3:**  Using your third website source, take a look at the person's legacy. What effects has their life had? Why is this person's life so well-known and influential? |
| * was the first American author to earn a million dollars in his lifetime from writing over 50 books. * took serious topics in life such as slavery, socialism, and greed and put them into works of literature that could be understood by people of all ages. expressed the inequalities that he saw among social class system in hopes to improve society's social structure. * he may not have intended for his books to be read in classrooms, but it would probably make him happy to know that he is teaching generation after generation. |