Biographical Research Project

**Who will the paper be about?** Write your topic on the line. ______________________

**What will I need to include?**

1. Your paper will have a minimum of five paragraphs:
   - Introduction with information about your topic's personal history
   - Body with at least three points about your topic's accomplishments
   - Conclusion with information about your topic's impact on society and you, including a personal statement with your thoughts about your topic

2. Your paper should include at least one direct quotation, punctuated correctly and cited in the text of your paper.

3. A bibliography will be included at the end of your paper.

**Where will I find my information?**

1. We will spend some time in the media center finding information. Our time there will be limited, so it will be VERY important to use the time well.

2. You will need to have at least three sources. They will need to include at least two of the following:
   - Print or online encyclopedia (one only)
   - Printout from a web site
   - Printout from an online database
   - Book
   - Print or online magazine article
   - Other with teacher approval

**How will I keep track of my information?**

1. Your sources will be recorded on your Research Citation Sheet.
2. You will take notes on the note taking grid. Be sure to record the source number and the category for each piece of information you write.

**When will the paper be due?** ________________________________
Personal History

Accomplishments:
Point One

Accomplishments:
Point Two

Accomplishments:
Point Three

Impact on Society or Me
Reminders

1. Complete the Research Citation Sheet.
2. Note the Source # on each note card.
3. Write only 1 piece of information on each card.
4. Mark the symbol for
   - Personal History
   - Accomplishments
   - Impact on Society

Organization—The key to success!
**Research Citation Sheet**

Check your Quick Reference Citation Sheet to be sure you have included all of the required information about each source.

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