

One reason we attend school is to acquire the skills necessary to learn on our own later in life. The multi-genre research project will help you learn some of these skills while researching a topic of your choice. It will also give you formats for presenting the information you have learned in different ways. Once you have chosen a topic of personal interest to you, make sure there is plenty of information about it. You will need to include a works cited page in MLA format on all of your sources – *if you don't know where the source came from, find the information elsewhere!* A multi-genre paper takes research and imagination.

SOURCES

A good research paper requires information from a variety of sources. You will be required to use a minimum of five different sources. You are required to use **at least two sources that are not from the internet.**

- Books/Magazines
- Television programs (documentaries, etc)
- Internet
- Encyclopedia
- Newspapers
- Personal Interviews
- (Have another source? See teacher.)

WRITING REQUIREMENT

Personal Research Design. 500 or more words (double-spaced, typed) in the following format:

- A. **My multi-genre research topic.** What is my topic?
- B. **What I already know.** Describe what you know about your topic before researching.
- C. **What I want to learn.**
- D. **Where my interests about this topic came from.** *Why do you want to know more about it?*
- E. **Some questions I have about this topic.** (6-8 questions you have that you will be researching)
- F. **My research plan.** (How do you plan on going about gathering the information needed to answer your questions?)
- G. **After my Research: What I learned or gained from this topic.**

GENRE CHOICES (select four **different** genres).

These must be original works of your own creation, not simply copied from a book or another partner. You cannot simply buy anything premade (i.e. an CD case with the booklet already made). You must write original captions for any photos used.

Newspaper article	Sheet music with lyrics	TV/Radio/Magazine Ad	Poster
Play Script	Comic Book	Animated Cartoon	Timeline
Eulogy	Game	Trivia Book	Recipe

Personal Letter	Business Letter	Diary Entry	Photo Album (5 photos w/ 5 sentence original caption for each photo)
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Other ideas? See teacher for approval.

ORAL PRESENTATION OF PROJECT

The final assignment will be a 5-minute presentation of your information using Prezi or SlideRocket, and showing two or more of your complete genre assignments to the class. Submit a copy of your outline or presentation to the teacher prior to your presentation.

STORAGE

All of your writing and projects will be contained in a professional and creative booklet, binder, or box. Upon submission, please place all of the items in the following order:

1. title page
2. personal research design
3. works cited (MLA format)
4. your four genre choices
5. rubric

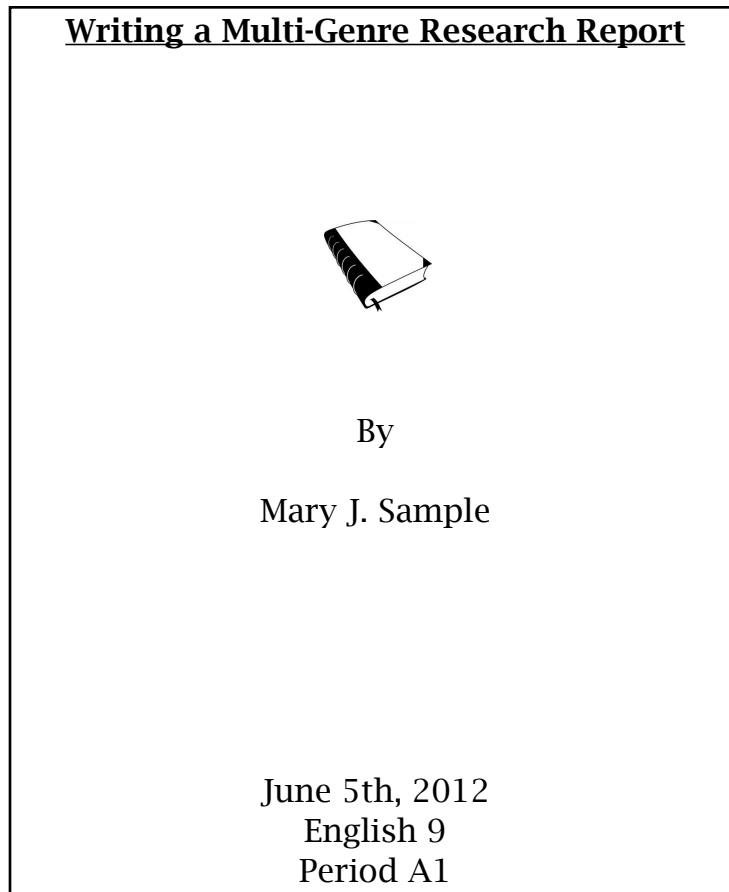
TOPIC IDEAS

- ✓ Artists: authors, poets, painters, photographers, choreographers, directors, etc.
- ✓ Athletes
- ✓ Historical Figures
- ✓ Politicians or other famous people
- ✓ Sports topics
- ✓ Arts: Photography, animation, theatre, poetry, spoken-word, dance, etc.
- ✓ Music topics (The development of a musical genre, such as punk or hip hop, for example; a singer or composer)
- ✓ Social issues: alcohol abuse, domestic violence, illiteracy, racism, civil rights, affirmative action, war, etc.
- ✓ Diseases: bulimia, bipolar disorder, diabetes, schizophrenia, leukemia, etc.
- ✓ Crafts, jobs or trades: fashion design, criminal justice, medicine, carpentry, graphic design, advertising, etc.
- ✓ Animals
- ✓ Science: earthquakes, reproduction, etc.
- ✓ Teenage Problems: teenage pregnancy, violence, gangs, etc.
- ✓ Your personal choice okayed by the teacher.

The topic choices are never ending. Find something you specifically are interested in. Narrow down the topic to something that is manageable and researchable. Obviously, your topic needs to be appropriate for an academic assignment. Please see me if you have any questions.

WHAT DO I NEED TO INCLUDE IN MY MULTI-GENRE RESEARCH PROJECT?

1. COVER PAGE: Title of Research, your name(s), class name, period, date. Graphic is optional.



2. PERSONAL RESEARCH DESIGN

3. WORKS CITED PAGE IN MLA FORMAT

4. FOUR MULTI-GENRE CHOICES

5. RUBRIC

MULTI-GENRE RESEARCH PROJECT CHECKLIST

Requirement	Due Date: Day 1	Due Date: Day 2	Completed?
Topics of Interest Worksheet	4/25	4/26	
Final Topic Choice w/ at least 2 resource cards	4/27	4/30	
Personal Research Design (A-F) & Genre Choices	5/3	5/4	
Computer Lab Time	5/9	5/8	
Conference w/ Teacher	5/15	5/16	
Computer Lab Time	5/31	6/1	
Final Project/Presentations	6/5	6/6	

Rubrics will be distributed once final topic choices have been made.

Notes:

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