



Black History Research Project

What events or people have shaped the history of African-Americans?

How have these events or people brought about positive changes for blacks in modern times?

As a follow-up to reading *Francie*, we will spotlight important events and people who have helped change the way African Americans are treated.

To complete this task you must:

- Research **and read** about your topic
- Take notes using an organized system to collect the facts from which you will write your report (I will give specific directions/instructions)
- Use your notes to write a report that will tell about the person or event and his/her/its impact on the lives of African Americans in our country
- Include visuals to illustrate key points and/or make your report more interesting and meaningful. The visuals might include photographs, drawings, maps, diagrams or pictures of artifacts (objects from that time period)
- Your final report must be a minimum of five paragraphs as follows:
 - **Paragraph 1—Introductory paragraph** (One paragraph)
 - Interesting opening sentence
 - Overview of the purpose and content of the report
 - Introduce why this person/event is important enough to be included on this web page
 - **Paragraphs 2 & 3—Detail paragraphs** (Two paragraphs; order of these two may vary according to your preference) Tell about the person or event and what led to its/ his/her prominence ("fame")
 - Tell about the *person's main accomplishment or event* (Key facts only)
 - Describe what led to *person's main accomplishment or event*
 - **Paragraph 4—Detail paragraph** (One paragraph) Tell why this person or event was important → how it/he/she changed things for African Americans and people in general ***This section is the most important—the connections, how the world was changed because of this person/event***
 - What were the immediate results of this person's efforts or the event—immediate changes that happened
 - What were some of the long-term outcomes—other changes
 - Why is this person or event remembered years later
 - **Paragraph 5—Concluding paragraph** (One paragraph) Closure
 - Emphasize the main idea—why this person/event is important
 - Commentary or quote often fits well at this point
- **Grading will be based on the East Greenwich ELA Report Rubric**
- *All work should be submitted in a two-pocket folder—include notes & draft with final copy.*
- **Due Dates: Note Cards** _____ **Draft** _____ **Final Copy** _____