

# Washington D.C. Research Paper and Project

Your assignment is to research a key monument, landmark or event relating to Washington D.C. and write a minimum 5-paragraph research paper communicating your knowledge of the topic. A lot of the work for this assignment will need to be done outside of class on your own time, and may need to involve a visit to an outside library.

## Basic Guidelines:

- ✓ Research a minimum of four sources (2 books and 2 Internet sources)
- ✓ Write your facts on a minimum of 15 note cards
- ✓ Write a thesis statement for your paper
- ✓ Write an outline for your paper, which will need to be approved by your homeroom teacher
- ✓ Write your rough draft
- ✓ Correctly quote and paraphrase research using signal phrases
- ✓ Complete a works cited page using MLA formatting
- ✓ Revise your rough draft
- ✓ Write and turn in your final draft (typed Arial or Times New Roman Font size 12 double spaced or black ink cursive) along with your rough draft and outline.
- ✓ Select a visual way to show what you have learned by making a poster, 3-D model, PowerPoint presentation, video, or other unique visual tool.

## Your Topic Guide

### Your first task is to pick your topic on Washington D.C.

Here are some ideas:

#### Monuments/Memorials

Washington Monument  
Jefferson Memorial  
Vietnam Memorial  
Lincoln Memorial  
World War II Memorial

#### Land Marks

The White House  
The Capitol  
The Supreme Court  
Pentagon  
Ford's Theater  
Kennedy Center  
Arlington National Cemetery

#### Time Periods

War of 1812  
Presidential Funerals  
Presidential Inaugurations  
Civil Rights March 1963  
Bicentennial Celebration 1976

#### Other

After discussing with your parents, see your teacher if you have an alternative idea of what you would like to research.

## Topic Selection Sheet

All topics must be approved first by parents and then by the homeroom teacher.

Topics will not be duplicated in each homeroom. So, topic requests will be granted on a first returned, first served basis. All topics must be turned in with parent approval and signature by Thursday, April 29.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

My Topic is: \_\_\_\_\_

Some ideas I will explore on this topic are: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_