

## 8<sup>th</sup> Research Paper

We've already discussed the beginnings of the research paper, so now it's time to begin choosing a topic and researching. Below you will find all the components of the research paper that you'll need in order to complete the paper to the best of your ability.

### TOPIC

The most important thing for you to do is choose a topic. You may choose a topic from the list below or one of your own. Make sure that your topic is something you find interesting; you'll find that it is easier to do this project if you enjoy what you're doing. We will

### LIST OF TOPICS

- \* 20<sup>th</sup> Century History Events
  - \* Any State
  - \* Any Country
  - \* Famous Person (must be at least 40)
  - \* Specific genre in film
  - \* Wild Card
  - \* Saturday Night Live (any long-running T.V. show from the 70's, 80's, or 90's)
- You must pick a topic of your choice, but make sure you get my approval.**

### GENRES

For your project, you are going to be using different genres or forms of writing. I will be giving you different genres and prompts that you can choose from. You will be expected to complete 3 of them. (You **may not** use the same genre twice.) You may choose to make up your own prompt, but make sure you get my okay on it. Remember, you must have at least **3 different genres**.

## **GENRE I: A LETTER**

If you write a private letter between two people, I expect correspondence between them. I would like at least 4 letters (two per person). In the letters, I want specifics from your research, plus I want it to sound like a letter. For example:

Dear John,

Last week I went on a tour of Universal Studios. It was fun because we spent time walking around the different sets and riding the rides. It was like that time we went to Indiana Beach...

Use your creativity in your letters. Each letter should be **2-3 pages long**.

A public letter would be something like a letter to the editor. If you choose to do this, I want 2 letters written. The first letter will be an opinion about the topic and the second letter should be in response to the first letter. The second letter could be in agreement with or against the first letter. Make sure you support the opinion(s) with facts from your research. Each letter should be **2-3 pages long**.

## **GENRE II: AN ARTICLE**

Pretend you are a journalist for a newspaper