Research Checklist

Have you....

☐ Searched the school library catalog for books
  ○ Searched under your subject’s name(s)
  ○ Searched the name of key associates of that person or people associated with the event
  ○ Searched the name of key events with which your person was associated

☐ Searched the school’s electronic databases for articles and primary sources
  ○ Searched under your subject’s name(s)
  ○ Searched the name of key associates of that person or people associated with the event
  ○ Searched the name of key events with which your person was associated

[Ask your school librarian to reference the best electronic database sources and review how to complete advanced searches with the students]

☐ Searched the Access PA database for more books

[Many states or larger school districts will allow for inter-library loans, making almost any book available to the student for free – just assume a 1-2 week lead time for the book to come in]

☐ In the school library:
  ○ Searched the shelves (history and biography sections)
  ○ Searched the name of key associates of that person
  ○ Searched the name of key events with which your person was associated
  ○ Searched the National Geographic Index
  ○ Searched the reference book shelves
  ○ Searched the name of key events with which your person was associated

[School librarians often know their collections best – ask them what they would put in this section]

☐ In the classroom
  ○ Searched the classroom library
  ○ Searched the classroom DVD library
  ○ Searched the primary source shelf and document books
  ○ Searched the essay book shelves
  ○ Searched the AP textbook shelf
  ○ Searched the Dictionary of American Biography

[Again, this will vary based on your resources]

☐ On the Internet:
  ○ Search the course website for research resources in your time period.
    [I began compiling a list of good sites that the kids or I found and adding to it each year. Colleagues might be able to add to it to help you started]
  ○ Google key words (you never know what you might find)
  ○ Google key words (using site:edu)
  ○ Google for primary sources (“Eleanor Roosevelt primary source”)
  ○ Repeat process using other key words
  ○ Searched the OAH Magazine of History site: http://www.oah.org/pubs/magazine/
  ○ Search the American Heritage website: http://www.americanheritage.com/
  ○ Search the History Net website: http://www.historynet.com/