

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
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 - 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. Colleague might be able to add to it to help get 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/>