

Information Literacy Search Sheet
History 162: American History: 1877 - Present

Name: _____

Course Instructor: _____

Librarian Teaching Session: _____

Course Day and Time: _____

Date: _____

Name of person you chose for the biography:

Write down the book citation in Chicago style:

Step 1: Background Information on the Subject.

Use Reference Books or On-Line Reference Sources to find background information about the person you plan to read about.

Write down the complete title of the source you used, and **attach a photocopy of the first page**. Did you use a *database*, the *Internet* or a *printed* source? (circle all that apply)

Why did you choose the source(s)?

Was this source recommended by the librarian teaching the class? Be specific as to why you chose it. How will this source help you with the research for your paper? Don't just say it is reliable or easy to use or easily accessible or it was what I needed.

Step 2: Background Information on the era or time period in which the person lived.

Use Reference Books or On-Line Reference Sources to find background information about the historical era of your subject.

Write down the complete title of the source you used, and **attach a photocopy of the first page**. Is this an electronic or print source? (**circle one**).

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Step 3: Background on the Author.

Use the library's databases, the internet, or reference books to find information about the author. You may not be able to find information on your author. If you can't, document your process.

Author

Did you use a *database*, the *Internet* or a *printed* source? **(circle all that apply)**

- If you found a website, give the name of the website and the website address. **Attach to this sheet the first page of the website which gives the address.**
- If you found a newspaper or journal article, give the name of the database you used and the name of the article. **Attach the article to this sheet.**
- If you found the information in a reference book, give the name and call number of the reference book. **Attach the title page to this sheet**

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