

RKA Summer Project: Part II

Original Project: Over the summer you were asked to choose a local politician from New York City or New York State to research and write a paper answering the following questions...

- How do Americans govern themselves?
- What is a representative democracy, and how does it work?
- Why did this elected official choose this career?
- How did they prepare for this career, in both experience and education?
- What major issues does this official support? Oppose?

Your paper had to be 2-3 pages in length using standard essay writing format (typed, 12-point font, double spaced), along with bibliography using MLA format.

Follow Up Assignment: Since the beginning of the year you have learned about the history of government in the United States and how the US Constitution sets up the rules for our national government. You have been taught how to organize formal essays, how to use evidence to support an argument, and how to cite sources (both in text citations and a bibliography).

Using the knowledge and skills that you have gained over this year, you will revise and add onto your summer project. The length and format requirements for your final project will not change. However, you will need to answer the following revised questions in your paper...

- How do Americans govern themselves? How is American government a representative democracy? How is this elected official an example of representative democracy?
- What does this elected official do in our government? How does he/she fit into the system of government in the United States?
- What qualifies this elected official to serve in his/her position? How did he/she prepare for this career in both work experience and education?
- What major issues does this official support? Oppose?
- What can we learn from studying the life and work of this elected official? What lessons or warnings should we take away from your paper?

As always with a project that requires research, you must cite the sources you use in the text of your paper and attach an updated bibliography.

Reflection Paper: After you complete your follow up assignment, you will write a reflection paper (one page, typed, double spaced, 12-point font) where you answer the following questions: What were the greatest strengths/weaknesses in your original project? What are the most important changes that you made in the follow up assignment and why did you make them? What are the most important lessons (such as knowledge or skills) that you will take away from this project as a whole?



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- Length and format _____
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- Evidence of Understanding _____

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- Detail _____

Technical Writing:

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Reflection Paper _____ / 10

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