

Research Paper Directions

Name _____

1. Read the steps in “Writing a Research Presentation.” Ask questions about what you don’t understand.
2. Make sure you understand that in a research report, you **MUST** cite your sources **AND** list those sources at the end of your report.
3. Make sure you understand the difference between paraphrasing, quoting, and plagiarism.
4. Select a superhero from the list in the classroom. Research this superhero and compile the information in an essay.
5. The essay should be between 300 and 500 words. It should follow all rules for formatting an essay.
6. The essay should include the following information:
 - *The publication history (Where and when did the character first appear? Where has the character appeared since then? Who created the character or is best known for drawing/portraying him or her?)
 - *The origin of the superhero. (How did the hero get his powers? What is the character’s alter ego?)
 - *The hero’s powers and abilities. (What makes this character a superhero?)
 - *What are some other interesting facts about the hero?
 - *In the conclusion, provide the reader with your thoughts about the superhero.
7. You will create or write two copies of the report. One will be graded on your writing and the other will be delivered as a speech to the class.
8. Print or draw a picture of the superhero to use as a visual aid in your speech.

Rough draft due: _____ **Final draft due:** _____