

GATE Research project

Your objective:

To analyze and evaluate the conflict of the U.S. with a particular Native American tribe and the U.S. policy towards the tribe in the 1800's.... or

To analyze and evaluate the struggle of a famous woman to achieve equal rights for women, e.g. the suffragette movement, the right to vote movement (1800 to 1920)

You will present your research on a Poster board. You will be assigned a particular tribe or woman; however, you may work in two's.

Requirements:

1. **Annotated Bibliography** consisting of four main sources. This will be attached to your thesis paper. Each person must document their own resources.

The annotation for each source must explain how the source was used and how it helped you understand your topic. **(5 sentences at least for each entry)**

You may have more sources, but you do not have to create annotations.

For example:

Bates, Daisy. *The Long Shadow of Little Rock*. New York: David McKay Co. Inc., 1962.

Daisy Bates was the president of the Arkansas NAACP and the one who met and listened to the students each day. This first hand account was very important to my paper because it made me more aware of the feelings of the people involved. The black students expressed their fears and anger about the racism experienced everyday in school. The white students expressed their anger and confusion about integration. The most interesting views were expressed by the governor of Arkansas who was against integration. (at least 5 sentences)

2. Each student (even if you are working in two's) must write a **500 word Thesis**. However, choose one of the essays to post on your poster board. A thesis is an argument or a hypothesis; it is the point of your essay. You will marshal evidence in support of your thesis. You should state your argument in your opening paragraph in a thesis statement. An argumentative paper makes a claim about a topic and justifies this claim with specific evidence. The claim could be an opinion, a policy proposal, an evaluation, a cause-and-effect statement, or an interpretation. The goal of the argumentative paper is to convince the audience that the claim is true based on the evidence provided.

See more detailed instructions on paper titled, "Your Thesis" .

3. **Background information on the causes / reasons for the conflict between the U.S. and your tribe; or between those opposed to equal rights for women and those for equal rights.** You must have at least **500 words**.

Present the context or historical setting at the time. What is the setting? What is the main conflict? Why did the conflict occur? Who are the main characters in the story?

Present some cultural information on the Native American tribe or how society viewed women at the time.

Give biographical information on the main characters or players in the story.

All pictures, maps, quotes should have a caption giving background information.

How is the Background Information different from the “Thesis”?

The Thesis is your evaluation / point of view on what you have learned with the background information and your evidence to support your point of view.

4. **Map** of historical event (if applicable)
5. **Timeline** of historical event
6. **Pictures** with labels / explanations.
7. **Primary sources** (at least four written sources) with brief commentary on each source. Find sources from the American point of view and the Native American point of view. Find sources for women’s rights and sources against women’s rights.
8. Design board with a Native American theme or Women’s Right theme.

Dates:

1. Bibliography / annotations: _____
2. Evidence gathered: _____
3. 500 word thesis: _____
4. Exhibit _____