

Black History Month Report

You are to write a 5 page report on a black musician. You can choose a person from the following list, but are NOT limited to only these musicians: (Returning members - You cannot research the same person you did last year! I have a list if you forgot who you did.)

Lenny Kravitz
Michael Jackson
Janet Jackson
Billie Holiday
Sarah Vaughan
Diana Ross
Tina Turner
Aretha Franklin
Jessye Norman
Ray Charles
Kathleen Battle
Prince
Dinah Washington

Marian Anderson
Mahalia Jackson
Missy Elliott
Cab Calloway
Nat King Cole
Sammy Davis, Jr.
Billy Eckstine
Marvin Gaye
Beyonce Knowles
Al Green
Lena Horne
Otis Redding
Muddy Waters

Chuck Berry
James Brown
Queen Latifah
Etta James
Little Richard
LL Cool J
Carmen McRae
Whitney Houston
Alicia Keys
Wilson Pickett
Bobby McFerrin
Donna Summer
Stevie Wonder

This report MUST be typed and double-spaced using Times New Roman font at 12 points. The first page should be a cover page that includes the name of the artist, your name, and a picture of the artist. Pages 2 and 3 are the report. Page 4 of the report must be a list of 3-5 different sources. These sources can be encyclopedias, books, magazine articles, or web pages, but only one of them can be an encyclopedia. Page 5 is the project worksheet you should take notes on. If you want to do your report on a musician that is not listed, let Mrs. Cronin know. The list above isn't even close to including every black musician!

Web Guidelines:

The best search will be on the first and last name of the musician you have chosen. Include the word "biography" in your search on their name. Here are some sites that should be helpful:

<http://search.eb.com/blackhistory/>
www.encyclopedia.com
<http://www.wikipedia.org/>
www.biography.com

When you find a web page containing information that you would like to use, you must highlight the address and copy it to your sources page. I will be checking your sources thoroughly. Any student that cuts information from a web site and pastes it directly into their paper will be given an F. Your entire paper must be IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

Information about each person that is required:

Date and place of birth
Date of death (if they are dead)
How they started out in music
First job in music
Name of husband or wife and kids (if they have kids)
Songs that they are known for performing or that they wrote
What type of music they performed
Places they performed
Groups they were in
Other musicians they looked up to or took lessons from
Nicknames and how they got them (if they have one)
Awards they have received (if any)
Any problems they came up against because of their race
Shows they were in (include TV, movies, operas, musicals, etc.)
A picture

POINTS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN FOR SPELLING, MECHANICS, AND GRAMMAR.

**Black History Month
Project Worksheet**

Name: _____

Please fill out all of the following information. Write your paper using this information. Turn it in with your paper. Staple it at the end.

Name of artist/singer _____

Date and place of birth _____

Date of death (if they are dead) _____

How they started out in music _____

First job in music _____

Name of husband or wife and kids (if they are married and have kids) _____

Songs that they are known for performing or that they wrote _____

What type of music they perform _____

Places they performed _____

Groups they were in _____

Other musicians they looked up to or took lessons from _____

Nicknames and how they got them (if they have one) _____

Awards they have received (if any) _____

Any problems they came up against because of their race _____

Shows they were in (include TV, movies, operas, musicals, etc.) _____

Other interesting information that you feel is important _____

Why did you choose this person for your report? What is your opinion of their music? The answer to these questions should be at the end of your report in the form of a conclusion. Don't forget to include it!
