

Presidential Profiles

For this assignment you will be choosing a president to do research on and writing a paper describing their presidency. You must follow the steps below as you write your paper. This profile is in place of a test at the end of the unit, and will therefore go in your test category.

1. First, **select a president**. This could be a personal favorite, one you want to learn more about, or just a random selection.
2. Next, you will be doing some **research** on the President you choose. Look through the requirements for the paper and let that help you guide your research.
3. **WARNING** – DO NOT copy and paste information. When you do research, be sure to cite your sources and give them full credit. When you use information from a source, be sure to put it in YOUR OWN WORDS, or if it is a direct quote, use quotations. You must use at least **THREE (3)** credible and reliable sources.
4. The Paper – Label each part of the paper as I've outlined it below (A, B, C...). This makes it easy for me to grade and ensures you get proper credit for your work. This should be your very best work (be accurate, use correct grammar, etc.).

For full points, all of the following should be included in your paper.

- a. One paragraph explaining the situation into which this President was elected. For example, how is the economy, are there any wars going on, are there any internal problems, etc.
 - b. One paragraph describing those who are closest to the President and how they are connected to him. This should be the people that are most influential in his life and those that will be helping him make key decisions. This could include his wife, his cabinet, his White House staff, etc.
 - c. Three paragraphs on three big decisions that the President had to make during his term(s). Do one paragraph on each, briefly describing his decision-making process. Who influenced his decision? What factors did he consider? Etc.
 - d. One paragraph on the two presidential roles you feel this President most excelled at. Give support and evidence. We will discuss the presidential roles to choose from in class.
 - e. One brief paragraph on what style of leadership this President used – give support and evidence.
 - f. One paragraph giving an overall analysis of this President and his term(s) of office. Do you think he did a good job? Were the American people happy and satisfied under his leadership? Why did he or did he not get elected to a second term?
 - g. **LIST** the sources that you used. At least 3 quality sources.
5. This paper is **DUE on THURSDAY MARCH 31**. I will **NOT** be accepting an EXCEPTION PASS for this assignment.

Grading Rubric

_____ 8 paragraphs on the President (a, b, c, etc) (80 points possible)

_____ Sources are cited and there are no signs of plagiarism (10 points)

_____ Grammar and spelling are perfect, it's typed, double spaced, etc (10 points)

_____/100 Total Points

_____ Turned in on March 29 for EXTRA CREDIT (10 points possible)