

Steinbeck and Sweet Thursday -- Research Project

STEP 1 -- RESEARCH TOPIC and CREATE ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY (50 points)

1. Choose **one** of the topics below and find your partners.
 - **Cannery Row** -- History of Cannery Row in Monterey, California (then and now)
 - **Ed Ricketts** -- His life, career, and influence on John Steinbeck
 - **John Steinbeck** -- His relationship with the California Central Coast and its influence on his writing.
 - **John Steinbeck** -- His relationships with his family (parents, siblings, wives, children) and their influence on his writing.
 - **John Steinbeck** -- His views, purpose, process, style, and values as a writer and how these were expressed in his literature (novels, plays, non-fiction, journalism)
2. As a group, research 5 **credible** sources, including at least one source with visuals.
3. Individually, each person prints and annotates each source **OR** takes organized research notes, including full publication information for a complete and accurate bibliography.
4. Individually, each person creates an annotated bibliography in accurate MLA format for all 5 sources. Annotated bibliographies contain the following for **each** source (see the sample copied on the back):
 - Objective summary
 - Evaluation of credibility of the source
 - Explanation of how the source serves the researched topic.
 - Sources listed alphabetically, in MLA Format, with the annotation below each citation
 - Each annotation is no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page.
5. Individually, each person turns in annotated bibliography on _____.

STEP 2 – RESEARCH PRESENTATION (50 points)

1. With your group, create a Slides presentation with 10-12 informational slides (not including cover slide and works cited) that includes:
 - Relevant and informative research from your sources
 - Visuals informing viewers about your topic
 - Works cited page with full publication information
2. With your group, deliver your research and Slides presentation to the class on _____.

STEP 3 – SYNTHESIS RESEARCH ESSAY (200 points)

1. Each person, writes their own essay, synthesizing their research to present an informative essay detailing their research findings.
2. Synthesis research essays are written in academic essay form, with a specific thesis, and evidence summarized, paraphrased, and/or quoted from at least three sources.
3. All use of sources (quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing) must be followed by parenthetical citations in the body paragraphs AND full publication information in an MLA formatted works cited page.
4. Essay must be at least 1000 words (not counting works cited), typed, MLA format.
5. Essays (with works cited) must be uploaded to Turnitin.com by 8:00 AM on _____.