

Name Research Project

Shakespeare wrote “ A rose by any other name would smell as sweet”. Do you believe this to be true? Why or why not? Has your name helped to determine who you are? Do people form opinions about you based upon your name? Some famous people have recreated themselves by changing their name. Would you choose to rename yourself? Why or why not.

Culminating Task: You will write a 1000-word essay about your name. It should be entertaining as well as informative. It should start with a hook and conclude with a summation of what you have learned through the research process. Your research will cover primary and secondary sources.

Process: Use research strategies to find out about your names, both your given and familial name. Research and discover if there are other individuals, living or dead who share either your given name or family names. Who were/are these individuals, and what have they done or accomplished.

Strategies:

- ✚ Identify what you hope to learn
- ✚ Sources you will use
 1. Interviews
 2. WorldWideWeb
 3. Databases
- ✚ Locate five sources, evaluate them for use
- ✚ Cite your sources, including pictures (www.bibme.org , www.easybib.org)
- ✚ Take notes from multiply sources: family members, books, internet,
- ✚ Organize those notes
- ✚ Create your essay
- ✚ Use a hook
- ✚ Use graph, chart, pictures, visuals
- ✚ Have a strong conclusion (importance of name)

You will have three weeks to complete this task.

The teacher-librarian, Ms. Concebida, has bookmarked sites for this project; however, see if you can find others sources using a database.

“Names.

What’s in a name, really? I mean, besides a bunch of letters or sounds strung together to make a word. Does a rose by any other name really smell as sweet? Would the most famous love story in the world be as poignant if it was called Romeo and Gertrude? Why is what we call ourselves so important?”

— [Julie Kagawa](#), [Summer's Crossing](#)