Multigenre Digital Portfolio

**The Assignment:**

What is a multigenre research paper? It’s a collection of pieces written in a variety of genres, informed by your research on a particular subject, that presents one or more perspectives on a research topic or question. It is a chance for you to pursue a leader you are passionate about, or you might research and write about a leader that you simply wish to know more about. The digital portfolio will allow you to establish an innate sense of personal ownership over the text you are creating. You will spend the beginning of the semester developing different genres of writing for this project – all centered on a particular leader and theme. Happy researching, writing, and creating! ☺

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| Section | Description |
| Title Page | A typical title page consists of your name, the course name, and of course, your leader’s name. You have creative license here; arrange and organize the information with graphics however you see fit. Make it true to your leader’s personality and character. |
| Table of Contents | This page will help your reader navigate throughout your website/digital portfolio. It will contain all the different works you create throughout the entire project. |
| Research Essay | The research essay must be no more than 1,500 words, biographical in content, and in an academic voice. This means no “I” or “you” and no conversational language. The essay must adhere to MLA Style rules. You must cite information from at least four sources. |
| Annotated Bibliography | Your annotated bibliography must include at least eight sources, at least four of which are the sources used in the research essay. The rest will be sources you consulted to complete the entire project, but did not necessarily cite them in your research writing. You must find a biography to consult that is in print format. |
| Memoir | The memoir must not exceed 1,000 words. You must take on the persona of your leader, telling about a certain time in his or her life. You will glean this information from the sources you located for your annotated bibliography. |
| Letter to a Leader | In the persona of your leader, you will write a series of letters to a fellow leader – one of your classmates. What would Coco Chanel say to Bill Gates? What would Obama write to Osama Bin Laden? |
| Genre Selections (4) | Besides the above-mentioned elements, you must write four additional pieces in the genres of your choosing. Your options are endless, and I encourage you to explore your options and be creative. Here are a few ideas:  -short story -advertisement - collage  -dialogue -series of diary entries -skit  -eyewitness account -poem -model  -newspaper article -interview -performance |
| Author’s Notes | Think of the Author’s Notes as reflective paragraphs describing what you wrote, why you wrote it, what your intentions were for the piece, and how successful you think you were with the creation of each piece. The following items should have Author’s Notes: Research Essay, Memoir, Letter to a Leader, Genre Selections (one for each selection, so four of these), and your Visual Design. |
| Visual Design | Visual design plays an essential role in multigenre writing. Elements can include photos, pictures, symbols, font choices, layout choices, etc. The visual design elements of your digital portfolio will be judged on neatness, presentation, placement within the portfolio, and how well it connects with the overarching theme of leadership as it pertains to your character. |