

African Heritage Report Outline

Choose a person of African heritage and prepare a written report to share with the class. The report must be typed. Use your home computer as much as possible. Keep an updated copy of your work in your email or on a removable drive (e.g. USB drive) so as to be able to work both at home and in school. The choice of topic must be of a person of African heritage who has made a significant contribution to society and to the advancement of people of African heritage. Sports stars, singers and movie stars are generally not acceptable as a topic unless it can be clearly demonstrated that they have contributed to the advancement of people of African heritage in a significant way. (An acceptable sports figure would be Muhammed Ali. An acceptable TV star would be Oprah Winfrey.)

Bibliography: your bibliography is the most important part of your report. Keep track of each item you consult immediately by making an ongoing list. You must use a variety of resources to prepare your report.

Resources:

- Visit the website of the Black Cultural Centre (<http://www.bccns.com>) to browse some possible topics for your report
- Check your local branch of the Public Library and the school library. Show this outline to your local librarian. The Library website for students has excellent tools for writing a biography.
- Use the Internet for more information and for images.
- Find a resource person who can give you first hand information about your chosen topic.

Format:

- **Introduction:** In your introduction, tell why you chose this person and describe what you intend to tell your reader about the person of your choice.
- **Main part:** Tell of the person's origin (place of birth, childhood, family...), his or her personal achievements, obstacles he or she had to overcome, his or her contributions to the world in his or her chosen occupation. Describe universal qualities the person displayed in his/her life that are lessons to us all regardless of colour.
- **Conclusion:** Conclude (or finish) your report by talking again about some of the main points of your report and telling why this person was important.
- Ensure your report is nicely presented in a protective cover and don't forget some images.
- You should write approximately 4-8 double-spaced pages (2-4 type-written) as a minimum requirement.
- Write in your own words, do not copy and paste text into your report unless it is a short quote. In that case, any text representing someone else's words must be in "quotation marks".
- Use Cornell note taking forms and use Keywords and related Notes to help you write paragraphs in your own words.

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Parent's signature to indicate that you have seen the African Heritage Report outline:

Some possible topics:

You can explore the above named people as well as many others at the following link:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_black_Canadians

Carrie Best
Herb Carnegie
Willie O'Ree
Buddy Daye
Rose Fortune
Grant Fuhr
William Hall
Jarome Iginla
Michaëlle Jean
Harry Jerome
Ferguson Jenkins
Daurene Lewis
Rev. Richard Preston
Portia White
Lorne White

Other persons of interest are most welcome as a topic for your African Heritage Month report. Some of those may include:

Martin Luther King Jr.
Nelson Mandela
Winnie Mandela
Harriett Tubman
Oprah Winfrey
Viola Desmond

You may propose another person of African Heritage not on the above list subject to approval by Mr. C.