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Presidential Portfolio

Instructions: Part 1
The President's Biography

Your task: Research the life of your assigned president from his birth through his election to office and then write an organized 3-4 page biography.

Sources: You must use at least four sources for this task. I encourage you to use more. Sources must be either books or written commentary published in journals or magazines. You may use library Internet programs to access such publications but you may not use ANY web sites.

Outline: You will be given a worksheet outlining the information that is expected to be included in this paper. This worksheet should be completely filled out before you begin drafting your paper.

Works Cited: It is absolutely essential that your sources are cited in MLA format within your paper and also in a work cited page which will be displayed in your portfolio along with this paper.

Process: We will spend the majority of today's class in the library. During this time you must find at least three sources and begin filling out your outline worksheet. Mrs. Sands will be available to help you find appropriate sources. I cannot promise that additional research time in the library will be available this week though I am willing to offer you classroom time for the writing and outlining of your paper. If you have a draft of your paper available for me to look over on Friday, I am more than willing to offer my help and suggestions.

Due Dates: Your outline worksheet and your list of works cited should be complete by Friday, April 11. The final draft of this assignment is due Monday, April 14.

President's Background Information

President's full given name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Hometown: _____

Family Description:

Interests as a child/young man:

Education: (Description of schools he attended through college or grad school)

Spouse/Family Description:

Profession before President: _____

Political party: _____

Other Political Offices held:

Political platform at the time of his election:

Description of the political campaign, issues, and process of his election:

Description of opponents in the presidential race and their platforms:

Voter's feelings toward the candidate:

Detail of election outcome: (vote tally's, demographics, etc.)

Preliminary list of works cited: (include authors, publishers, dates, titles, and page numbers)
