

Influential Person Research Essay

Task: Your task is to choose someone that can be researched (celebrity, athlete, musician, artist, etc.) that has been influential on your life in some way. The person you choose also needs to be someone who has exemplified the American Dream (remember, the American Dream is an idea that doesn't necessarily have to be associated with America. Your person can be foreign.)

Process:

1. Choose person
2. Ask Gondringer for help!
3. Research
4. Ask Gondringer for help!
5. Write essay
6. Ask Gondringer for help!
7. Edit essay
8. Ask Gondringer for help!
9. Turn in essay
10. Relax because you just accomplished something really awesome!

Your essay will need to include:

1. Title page
 - a. Properly formatted
 - b. Title that alludes to bulk of essay
2. Essay (5-6 Pages of text (roughly 1500-2000 words)
 - a. Properly formatted
 - b. Information backed by research, properly cited (3-5 sources)
 - c. Various elements:
 - i. Introduction (including a thesis statement that drives your essay)
 - ii. Background information (birth, childhood, etc.)
 - iii. Career accomplishments etc.
 - iv. Demonstration of the American Dream
 - v. Influence on you
 - vi. Conclusion
3. References page
4. Appendix

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