HIS220 Obituary

GE Focus Areas: Communication; Digital Literacy, Civic Discourse-Historical Awareness

Obituary and Presentation

Research a historical figure from Arizona’s history and present your findings to the class with a brief presentation focusing on their contribution to Arizona. The figure does not need to be a native Arizonan, but needs to have made some kind of contribution to Arizona’s history or culture.

Part 1: Written Assignment: Write and submit a 500-750 word (1-2 page) “obituary” for your character. The obituary should include basic biographical information, such as: birth date and place, death date and place, cause of death, family (marriage, children), and major accomplishments or significance in Arizona history. Consider how they might want to be remembered.

Part 2: Presentation: Create a visual presentation to share your research with the class. You will not be presenting your paper, just a recap of what you learned and your figure’s significance to Arizona history. You may do something as simple as a photo of the figure with a caption or you can create a PowerPoint, Prezi or video about your character.

You may choose from the following or come up with your own (with approval). Since this is an obituary, your figure must be deceased.

- Rex Allen
- Ted DeGrazia
- Geronimo
- John Wesley Powell
- Katharine Drexel
- Barry Goldwater
- Cesar Chávez
- Annie Wauneka
- Del Webb
- Lewis Williams
- Carmen Vásquez
- Mary Colter
- Cochise
- William Rehnquist
- Morris King Udall
- Ira Hamilton Hayes
- Frank Luke
- Carl Hayden

Notes on format and mechanics:
1. Margins are to be no wider than 1”
2. Use a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman, Courier, Arial)
3. Papers are to be written in your own words and should contain few, if any, direct quotes from the text or other sources
4. Proofread your paper for spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors before submitting
5. Use MLA or APA for citations and format
6. Include a bibliography of all sources consulted, whether cited or not
7. The Writing Rubric, MLA Basics and other resources can be found in the “Writing Resources” folder under the Course Info section of Blackboard