

# BHM RESEARCH PAPER RUBRIC

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<b>Background Information</b>	You clearly stated when are where your person was born, died, and the locations. You included the cause of death (if necessary).	You somewhat stated when are where your person was born, died, and the locations. You included the cause of death (if necessary).	You did not state when are where your person was born, died, and the locations. You didn't include the cause of death (if necessary).
<b>Childhood</b>	You gave at least three interesting facts about your person's childhood.	You gave at least two interesting facts about your person's childhood.	You gave only one interesting fact about your person's childhood.
<b>Personal Life</b>	You stated to whom your person was married and gave the names of their children (if necessary).	You somewhat stated to whom your person was married and gave the names of their children (if necessary).	You did not state to whom your person was married and did not give the names of their children (if necessary).
<b>Education</b>	You explained what schools your person attended and the extent of their education.	You somewhat explained what schools your person attended and the extent of their education.	You did not explain what schools your person attended or the extent of their education.
<b>Occupation</b>	You explained what your person's occupation was and described what they did on a daily basis.	You somewhat explained what your person's occupation was and described what they did on a daily basis.	You did not explain what your person's occupation was or describe what they did on a daily basis.
<b>Life/Career Events</b>	You described four major life/career events of your person with the dates.	You somewhat described four major life/career events of your person with the dates.	You did not describe four major life events of your person with the dates.
<b>Black History OR Civil Rights Impact</b>	You clearly explained the impact your person had on BH/the Civil Rights Movement.	You somewhat explained the impact your person had on BH/the Civil Rights Movement.	You did not explain the impact your person had on BH/the Civil Rights Movement.
<b>Conventions</b>	Your paper is free of conventional errors	Your paper has only a few conventional errors	Your paper has several conventional errors

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<b>Grammar</b>	Your paper is free of grammar errors (word usage, no fragments, or run-ons etc.)	Your paper is mostly free of grammar errors (word usage, no fragments, or run-ons etc.)	Your paper has several grammar errors (word usage, no fragments, or run-ons etc.)
<b>Overall Paper</b>	Your overall paper flows nicely between paragraphs, uses transitions, is informative, and shows a clear effort.	Your overall paper somewhat flows, some transitions, is somewhat informative, and shows some effort.	Your overall paper doesn't flow nicely, there are no transitions, is somewhat informative, and shows minimal effort.

**Length:** 2-3 pages typed, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, 1" margins

**Format:** MLA parenthetical documentation, 1-inch margins, proper heading and header, no title page.

**Requirements:**

- All drafts typed in proper font and size.
- Minimum 3 reputable sources.
  - At least one source must be a book.
  - Each source should be referenced at least once within the body of your paper.
- Complete Works Cited page at conclusion of paper.

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  - ("Find Happiness" 22)

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*Example:* Ride, Sally. Exploring Our Solar System. New York: Crown, 2003.

- **Book – By Two or More Authors**

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*Example:* Gonzalez, Guillermo and Jay Wesley Richards. The Privileged Planet: How Our Place in the Cosmos is Designed for Discovery. Washington DC: Regnery, 2004.

## WEB CITATIONS

**Known Author or Creator:**

Example: Richards, Wanda. "Washing Windows To Make Money." *Homebiz.com*. 8 June 2009. Web. 11 Sept. 2011.

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Example: "The Business of Writing Good Papers." *The Center for Writing*. June 2001. Web. 18 Mar. 2010