

**Definition of Multigenre Paper:** A multigenre paper is a collection of individual small pieces of writing that expresses a theme using a variety of genres. Each piece of writing is self-contained, making a point of its own, yet connected to other pieces by theme and content and sometimes by repeated language, images and genres. The multigenre paper arises from research, experience, and imagination. It is a chance to be creative and present your topic in another form besides the traditional research paper. It enhances your research, encouraging you to reflect on your topic and enjoy the process of discovery through writing.

**Assignment:** You will be composing a multigenre paper using the topic you are researching in Mrs. Perrin's social studies class. You will choose from the list below to assemble a project composed of writing in a number of different genres unified by a common theme.

**Requirements:** To give you an idea of the scope of this project, I am expecting **a minimum of 800 words from non-honors classes and a minimum of 1200 words from honors classes. This word count does not include the bibliography.** You may select the style and size of the font used to suit your project, but please keep in mind that I need to be able to read it. The overall impression of the project is important, so try to do your best work. Optional: To be extra creative, you could try "packaging" your project in some special way. I.e: a cd, a patient file, an employee handbook, a manual, a newspaper, a magazine...something that fits with your topic.

**Required Elements: (all written by you)**

- Table of contents (100 words? Do this last)
- Introduction or letter to the reader (200 words, Do this last)
- A poem written in the style of a famous poet (100 words)
- Flash fiction (50-100 words)
- A visual element (see options below)
- A poem in two voices (20-30 lines, 100 words?)
- Bibliography (Don't include this in your word count. You use the same works cited page you wrote in Mrs. Perrin's class)
- **A unifying element.** Examples: a repeated line, a repeated image, a fragmented narrative, a detail mentioned in one brief piece and exploded in another piece, quotes, a list)
- Notes Page

**Additional Elements: (4 minimum, created by you. Choose from the chart below)**

Sketch	Application	Newscast	List poem
Journal entry	Doctor's notes	Letter	Facebook Page
Script	Dialogue	Eulogy	Brochure
Interview	Advice column	Obituary	Comic/cartoon
Article	Tweets	Parody	Map
Alternate ending	Birth certificate	Answering machine message	Chart
Resume	Receipt	Textbook article	Cartoon
Editorial	Horoscope	Talk show interview	Collage
Business letter	Wedding/Birth Announcement	Tribute	Greeting card
Manual	Song lyrics	How-To booklet	Timeline
Review	Recipe	Myth or tall tale	Painting
Contest entry application	Schedule/to do list	A tabloid article	Wordle
Classified ad	Top Ten List	Local news report	Internal monologue
A day in the life of your topic	Fable	Fairy tale	Series of emails

Note: In addition to the original work (created by you) from the chart above you may choose to include 2 other published works such as a famous quote, poem, painting or other work that emphasizes your theme. If you do so, these items must be clearly labeled giving credit to the creator.

**Checkpoints for project: (To insure that you pace yourself and don't wait until the last minute)**

Rough draft of poem in two voices:	February 6 <sup>th</sup>
Rough draft of flash fiction:	February 13 <sup>th</sup>
Rough draft of poem in style of famous poet	February 27 <sup>th</sup>
2 elements of choice	March 6 <sup>th</sup>
Unifying element	March 13 <sup>th</sup>
2 more elements of choice	March 20 <sup>th</sup>
Letter to Reader & Notes Page	March 27 <sup>th</sup>
Finished project due!*	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>

\*(don't forget self-assessment and cover page that are not included in these checkpoints)

