

Honors English 9: *Kaffir Boy*

South Africa of Today Research Presentation

To conclude our study of South Africa as told in Mark Methabane's memoir, let's conduct research focusing on how life in South Africa has changed from Mark's youth of the 1960's until today.

Step 1: Topic

You may select one area: education, arts, housing, health, economy, environment, international relations, technology, military, and the government.

Step 2: Research question and research

You need to develop a research question focuses on the topic selected in step 1. This question must allow you to take a specific position that is supported with research. In order to develop this question, you must first find two reliable, relevant, and readable articles using Global Issues in Context, which will be shown to you by the librarian, Ms. Guzman.

Step 3: Annotation of research

With the print outs of your three articles, you must:

- Read them carefully
- Annotate each by finding at least three facts, details, ideas to highlight per page of the article
- Write at least five comments on each article; these comments could be how you plan to use the information, your reaction to the information, a definition, or a question.
- Develop a Works Cited for these sources

Step 4: Develop visual for presentation

Each individual is responsible for creating a visual that complements his or her presentation. This can be done using PowerPoint, Prezzi, or another application, as long as the presentation can be accessed at school. You may include sound, but everyone must include pictures, which is where a third source comes in. This third source must be a website that contains pictures relevant to your topic. You must include this site as a source on your Works Cited.

Slide content: Think of this presentation like an essay.

Slides must include:

1. A title slide – with research question, your name, class name, teacher name, and date due (just like the heading of MLA formatting)
2. Hook slide – to get your audience's attention
3. Background slide(s) – to explain your topic
4. Thesis slide - answer to your research question
5. Three reasons to support your thesis – again, like an essay, so there should be a topic sentence slide, a quote slide, an explanation (how) slide, an analysis (why) slide, and a wrap-up slide
6. Restatement of thesis
7. Restatement of three reasons
8. So what slide? – what should we learn about your topic and the position you took on this topic?

You must print out a copy of your slides (print a handout with three slides per page) to turn-in. This is due the day you present. Your presentation is given on: _____

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____ Duration _____

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Content:

Introduction (attract audience's attention, background, thesis) _____ of 15 points

Body (three reasons with support from research) _____ of 15 points

Conclusion (restatement of reasons and thesis; so what?) _____ of 15 points

Logical flow _____ of 5 points

Visual:

Layout of information is appropriate and organized _____ of 10 points

Photographs used are relevant _____ of 10 points

Works Cited is correct and contains two articles and one site _____ of 5 points

Font size (min. of 32 pt.), type (three different ones max) _____ of 5 points

Grammar/spelling is accurate _____ of 10 points

Punctuation is correct _____ of 10 points

Delivery:

Eye contact with audience _____ of 5 points

Spoke loud and with a good pace _____ of 5 points

Spoke clear (no "ums," "like") _____ of 5 points

Authentic and animated _____ of 5 points

Overall quality: _____ of 10 points

Total: _____ of 130 points