

Pre-Search Findings

Objective: Before you start reading complex sources, it’s always a good idea to start by getting an overview of your topic. This will inform your research and help think of other ways to find the information you need.

Directions: Conduct a basic Google search for your topic/person. Since this isn’t part of your formal research paper AND you are not citing these sources, it’s okay to record background information to help you better understand your person. You may want to use sites such as:

- Wikipedia
- Biography.com
- History.com
- Smithsonian: si.edu

REMEMBER, this part is not academic and cannot be used for your formal research task.

TOPIC: _____

Facts —Record any facts, dates, names, etc. that you feel would be helpful to find more information later.	Keywords —Write down any keywords, or words that you could type into a search engine that would allow you to find more information later.

