

Throughout chapter 7, we will be discussing the roles of the Executive Branch of government. According to whitehouse.gov,

“The powers of the Executive Branch is vested in the President of the United States, who also acts as head of state and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces. The President is responsible for implementing and enforcing the laws written by Congress and, to that end, appoints the heads of the federal agencies, including the Cabinet. The Vice President is also part of the Executive Branch, ready to assume the Presidency should the need arise. The Cabinet and independent federal agencies are responsible for the day-to-day enforcement and administration of federal laws. These departments and agencies have missions and responsibilities as widely divergent as those of the Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency, the Social Security Administration and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Including members of the armed forces, the Executive Branch employs more than 4 million Americans.”

For this project you will research a president and write an informative essay, as well as provide a PowerPoint presentation. You may use the grading rubric to help ensure you get the most points possible. I am attaching it for you, so please use it. If you are unsure of how to use it, please ask me.

Because there are two parts to this assignment, it is worth two test grades or 200 pts. You do NOT want to wait until the last minute to complete this assignment. Start early and work on it a little each day and it will come together for you in no time at all. If you do find that you are having difficulty, please see me as soon as possible.

You may select for your research and presentation, one of the presidents listed below. Feel free to use any sources (i.e., internet, books, documentaries, etc.) so long as you list them.

IMPORTANT: Plagiarism will not be tolerated. If you use a source, cite it. If you have trouble, come see me. No exceptions. Visit [The Owl @ Purdue](http://TheOwl@Purdue) for tips on citing and referencing. If you do not remember how to write a thesis, [watch this video](#).

Please note: There are two rubrics, one for the essay and one for the presentation. You will find the rubrics on the next page.

Chose one of the following:

1. Franklin Roosevelt
2. Theodore Roosevelt
3. Thomas Jefferson
4. Ronald Reagan
5. George W. Bush
6. William Clinton
7. Dwight Eisenhower
8. James Madison
9. Harry Truman
10. Richard Nixon

Informative Essay Guidelines & Rubric

1. Paper must be typed, double spaced
2. 1" margins
3. 12 Pt.
4. Times New Roman

The essay is an *Informative Writing* Assignment. If you need a refresher on this style of writing, please watch this [video tutorial](#).

Description	25 pts.	18 pts	11 pts.	4 pts.
Number of Pages (excluding title and bibliography/sources)	≥ 5	At least 4	At least 3	2 or less
Format and Guidelines	Paper shows excellent detail to formatting and followed all guidelines	Paper shows good detail to formatting with minor errors, and followed at least 3 guidelines.	Paper shows below average detail to formatting with several errors, and followed at least 2 guidelines	Paper shows poor detail to formatting with numerous errors, and followed less than 2 guidelines
Writing Style	Paper shows excellent detail to Informative writing style. Variety of sentence styles (Complex-Compound sentences used often)	Paper shows good detail to Informative writing style. Limited variety of sentence styles (few complex, several compound, majority simple)	Paper shows below average detail to Informative writing style. Little variety of sentence styles (no complex, few compound, majority simple)	Paper show poor detail to Informative writing style. No variety of sentence styles (no complex-compound or compound, ONLY simple)
Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling & Capitalization	0-3 errors	4-8 errors	9-12 errors	More than 12 errors. Paper was not proofread for errors.

Informative Essay Guidelines & Rubric

1. At least 10 slides (8 info, 1 title, 1 reference)
2. Include at least 4 graphics
3. Include transitions
4. Include 1 slide of presidential facts
5. Include 1 slide of rare facts (trivia-type)
6. Include 1 slide of information pertaining to work progress during time spent in office.
7. Include personal opinion slide

Grading Rubric	Grading Rubric
Presentation has at least 10 slides (8 info, 1 title, 1 ref.)	Less than 10 slides
Includes at least 4 graphics	Less than 4 graphics
Includes transitions	Does not include transitions
Includes presidential facts	Does not Include presidential facts
Includes rare facts (trivia-style information)	Does not include rare facts (trivia style information)
Includes presidential work information	Does not include presidential work information
Includes personal opinion slide	Does not include personal opinion slide