

The Old Man and the Sea Research Project

As we prepare to read *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway, you will conduct research to gain background knowledge about Hemingway, Cuba, and big-game fishing.

You will research and find information on **all** of the following topics:

- Biographical information about Ernest Hemingway, including information about his writing career and some of his most famous works, along with any awards he won.
- Information about deep sea fishing for big-game fish such as marlins and sharks. Include information about how large fish are caught.
- Information about fishing as a way of life (commercial fishing). Include information about the skills, hazards, rewards, struggles, and difficulties undertaken by professional fishermen/fisherwomen. Don't just focus on deep-sea fishing for this section; include information about the occupation of fishing in general.
- A colorful, detailed map of Cuba and the surrounding ocean (you'll probably want to find this on the Web)
- Include appropriate photos and/or videos that are on topic, but remember—this is not a photo and video project!

What kinds of sources do you have to use?

- You must use **at least three** sources for your research.
 - **At least one** source must be a **print source** (encyclopedia, textbook, biography, non-fiction book, etc.)
 - **At least one** source must be from **either Galileo or WebPath Express**.
 - Your third source may be of your choice, but you **may NOT** use Wikipedia, Answers.com, Ask.com, About.com, or any other unreliable source.
 - **At least one** of your sources must be a **primary source**.
- You will create a Works Cited page of your sources (using www.easybib.com).
 - NOTE: You must include the source from which you got your map of Cuba on your Works Cited list!

How will you present your research?

- You will create either a PowerPoint or Prezi to present your information. While it is my hope that you will choose to try a Prezi, do not choose this type of presentation if you don't really understand how to create one. There are tutorial videos online that can help you get started with Prezi.
- You will create a Works Cited page of your sources that will be a separate document (in Word) from your PowerPoint or Prezi.
- You **MUST** include internal citations (giving credit to the source in parenthesis) for your information. This also means including a citation under your map of Cuba.
- You will upload your PowerPoint or Prezi and your Works Cited page to Edmodo (hard copies will not be accepted). You will be given directions on how to do this.

Important Information

- Summarize the information you find into your own words.
- This is not an assignment to see how well you can copy and paste! **If you copy and paste anything other than photos or the map of Cuba, you will receive a zero for plagiarizing!**
 - **HINT:** If you can't explain to me exactly what your information means, then you have plagiarized!
- You may not use more than one direct quote in the entire project.

- There is no set limit of how much information you need to provide (in other words, you aren't going to be told that you must have a certain number of slides). However, you must **thoroughly** cover the information listed in the first section of this handout.
- Use your **research questions** to help guide you in your search for information.

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<p>Bio Info for E. Hemingway</p>	
<p>Deep Sea Fishing for Big-Game Fish</p>	

<p>Fishing as a Way of Life (Commercial Fishing)</p>	
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