Notable Americans Research Paper

The purpose of this research assignment is to use the library and other tools of historical research to research a notable American of the 20th century. You will be writing a 3-5 page research paper on the person that you are assigned which will include analysis of a primary source which is related to your person. Your research paper should answer the question:

Did the person you are researching have an overall positive or negative impact on the United States?

Requirements:
1. Write a 3-5 page (typed, double spaced, using 12 point Times New Roman font, and one inch margins) research paper on your assigned person. Your paper should include:

A. Description of their adult life and their position and/or positions held
B. The contributions made to the United States which makes them “notable”.
C. Analysis of the impact of these contributions on the United States. (ie. were they positive or negative?)
D. Analysis of a primary source and incorporation of it into the essay. (Note: You can use a portion of a primary source (ex: excerpt from a speech, letter, document) – Ms. DeCesare must approve this primary source. Use the Primary Source Document Analysis Worksheet to help with this.
E. A bibliography in the correct MLA format must be included and all research, including direct quotes, should be cited parenthetically in the paper.
F. Research paper must be submitted to turnitin.com

Source requirements:
1 database
1 primary source
1 book
1 other reputable source
(if websites, besides the Library of Congress and National Archives, are used for the primary sources or the other reputable source, website evaluations must be included with your final paper and bibliography)

Schedule and Due dates:
Wednesday, January 10th – meet in computer lab B in the library
Thursday, January 11th – meet in the West Wing of the library
Friday, January 12th – meet in computer lab B of the library
Tuesday, January 16th – meet in computer lab B of the library (last day to meet in the lab or library) (Ms. DeCesare must approve your primary source by today)

Friday – January 19th – Research Paper is due - If a student is absent on the due date of the assignment, the student must email Ms. DeCesare his/her paper or it will be considered late. vdecesare@cherrycreekschools.org

Rubric
Position is clearly stated in a thesis statement and introduction is appropriate. (10 points)
The information is presented in a rational, easy to follow progression. (10 points)
The person’s adult life and their contributions are covered thoroughly and accurately. The primary source is appropriately incorporated into the essay. (20 points)
Analysis of the impact of the contributions of the person is clearly presented (10 points)
Attention is given to spelling, punctuation, paragraph and sentence structure (10 points)
Required sources are incorporated into essay and cited appropriately parenthetically in the essay as well as in the bibliography. Website evaluations are included when appropriate. (10 points)