

What's In A Name

Research Guide

How did your parents choose your name? (i.e. book, family imagination...)

What is the meaning of your name?

First name _____ cultural

root _____

Meaning _____

Middle name _____ cultural root _____

Meaning _____

Surname _____ cultural root _____

Meaning _____

What is the meaning of your parents names?

Mother's first name _____ cultural

root _____

Meaning _____

Mother's maiden name _____ cultural root _____

Meaning _____

Father's first name _____ cultural root _____

Meaning _____

What is the meaning of your sibling's names?

First name _____ cultural

root _____

Meaning _____

First name _____ cultural root _____

Meaning _____

First name _____ cultural root _____

Meaning _____

What first and middle name would you choose for a daughter and son? Why?

Son first name _____ cultural

root _____

Meaning _____

Son middle name _____ cultural root _____

Meaning _____

Daughter first name _____ cultural root _____

Meaning _____

Daughter middle name _____ cultural root _____

Meaning _____

If you could choose a new name for yourself, what would you choose?

New name for yourself _____ cultural

root _____

Meaning _____

*** Be sure to use at least two sources to research your name – you will have to cite them at the end of your family tree as well, so also write down each source as you find information!!! If you don't this is considered plagiarism.

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Name	Period				
Criteria	Top Score				Low Score

	10 points	7 points	4 points	1 point	0 points
Ideas (Content, Clarity, Meaning, Accuracy, Detail, Insight, Vivid Writing) Meaning of Names	Paper included student's first, middle and last names. Also included information on mom's first name and dad's first name.	Paper includes only the three of the required five meanings.	Paper includes only two of the required five meanings.	Paper includes only one of the five required meanings	Paper includes none of the required five meanings.

	10 points	7 points	4 points	1 point	0 points
Ideas (Content, Clarity, Meaning, Accuracy, Detail, Insight, Vivid Writing) Naming Practices of your family and/or culture	Paper included naming practices of family and/or culture and how the student was named.	Paper included either the naming practices of family and/or culture or how the student was named.	The information provided pointed toward this information but was incomplete.	The information provided was very incomplete.	The paper did not include information about the naming practices of family and/or culture.

	10 points	7 points	4 points	1 point	0 points
Organization (Structure, Logic, Flow of Ideas, Lead, Transitions, Beginning, Middle, End, Conclusion)	Paper was written outstanding. It contained structure, logic, flow of ideas and transitions. A lead, beginning, middle, end and conclusion	Paper was well written with organization, including five of the organization traits.	Paper was written satisfactorily with some organization and includes three of the organization traits.	Paper was written with one organization.	Paper was written and contained none of the organizational traits.

	10 points	7 points	4 points	1 point	0 points
Required Length	One page. One sided. 12 point Times New Roman Font	3/4 page 12 point Times New Roman Font	1/2 page 12 point Times New Roman Font	1/4 page 12 point Times New Roman Font	Assignment was not completed.

	5 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
Works Cited At the end of the paper	Paper contained 1 electronic source and 1 print source and is typed.	Paper contained 2 electronic or 2 print sources and is typed.	Paper contained one source and is typed.	The works cited contained one source and is not typed.	There was no works cited.

	5 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
Rough Draft	The rough draft was attached				There was no rough draft.