

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Meaning of Name Assignment

In discovering the meaning of your name, there are several pieces of **information** you will want to uncover and several aspects to consider. The general idea of the assignment and documentation follows below.

- 1) Do a **personal interview** with your parents/guardians why you were given the name you have? Is there a story behind the choice of your name? Gather as much information as possible to why you were given your name. Write the questions and answers down with the date of the interview.
- 2) Next, research **books** and the **internet**, or some other printed source and come up with at least 4-5 characteristics for the meanings of your names. On the second page is a listing of potential websites to help you find the meaning of your name. **THIS MUST BE DOCUMENTED—SEE DOCUMENTATION RULES AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE!**
 - a. Even if your name is unusual or is ethnic, there are websites that give information on your name. Or, there is a print source, such as a specific language that can reveal the meaning of a name. For example, my daughter’s name is “Sohree.” In Korean it means “sound”, and with her last name “Victor” her name represents “The sound of victory.” My son’s name is “Sohwon” and it means “hopes and dreams.” So his name represents the “hopes and dreams of victory.” Plus, there is more to the story of their names and they have specific middle names that also carry meaning.
- 3) Come up with a complete meaning for your name and all its parts (**first, middle, last**).
- 4) **TYPE A PARAGRAPH ON THE MEANING OF YOUR NAME THAT EXPLAINS THE MEANING OF YOUR FIRST, MIDDLE, AND LAST NAMES. BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR CHOICE OF TRANSITIONS. THIS NEEDS TO BE A PROPER THREE POINT PARAGRAPH WITH THE 3 PARTS, YOUR IDENTIFIERS, AND TRANSITIONS!**
- 5) Make sure you are thorough as this will be part of a final project for this quarter.
- 6) **You must use correct documentation of at least one internet source, one personal interview, and at least one book source** correctly documented and put on a Works Cited Page in alphabetical order that is a separate page stapled under your paragraph. (See the **MLA documentation on line** or the example “Works Cited” page)

Using Correct Documentation (also see “Works Cited” examples)

1. **Personal Interview**—has three main parts: 1) start with the person’s name (last name, first name). 2) type/write-- Personal Interview. 3) type/write Date of the actual interview you did.
 - a. Smith, Jane. Personal Interview. 6 Oct. 2006.
2. **Books**—have 5 main parts: 1) Author(s) of the book 2) Title of the book 3) City of Publication 4) Publishing Company 5) Year of publication.
 - a. McCrum, Robert and William Cran. The Story of English. New York: Penguin Books, 1993.
3. **Internet Source**—has 3 parts: 1) “Title of the web page.” 2) Date you accessed the web page 3) <the web site address>.
 - a. “Names and Their Meaning.” 30 July 2004 <http:// www.mysteries-megasite.com/names.html>.

******NOTE: You must use the correct punctuation, capitalization, and underlining or quotation marks when documenting sources!!! (General rule for underlining and quotations is under 50 pages gets quotation marks “”; over 50 pages gets underlined _____)**

Works Cited

McCrum, Robert and William Cran. The Story of English. New York: Penguin Books, 1993.

“Names and Their Meaning.” 30 July 2004 <[http:// www.mysteries-megasite.com/names.html](http://www.mysteries-megasite.com/names.html)>.

Smith, Jane. Personal Interview. 6 Oct. 2006.

(The above sample Works Cited page would be a separate page after the paragraph)

ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT YOU MUST CONSIDER

FOR THE “WORKS CITED” PAGE ABOVE, NOTICE THAT THERE IS A SPACE BETWEEN EACH ENTRY, THE ENTRIES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, EACH ENTRY ENDS WITH A PERIOD, AND EVERY ENTRY HAS A DATE.

FOR THE PARAGRAPH, USE THE “FOUR POINT RUBRIC” AND ALL THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES TO WRITE YOUR SOLID, THREE POINT PARAGRAPH WITH ALL THE IDENTIFIERS, CORRECT TRANSITIONS, CORRECT TS/PT/EX/CS SENTENCES, AND SOLID SUPPORTING DETAILS THAT EXPLAIN WHAT EACH PART OF YOUR NAME MEANS.

- 1. YOU MUST INTERVIEW FAMILY MEMBERS AND/OR GUARDIANS TO GATHER INFO ABOUT YOUR NAME. WRITE OUT A LIST OF QUESTIONS AND THEIR ANSWERS FOR THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW PORTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT.**
- 2. YOU MUST GO TO A WEBSITE AND GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR NAME. MAKE SURE THAT YOU WRITE DOWN THE TITLE OF THE WEBSITE PAGE, THE DATE YOU ACCESSED THE PAGE, AND THE WEB ADDRESS AS WELL AS ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION IT GAVE YOU ABOUT YOUR NAME(S).**
- 3. CHECK BOOKS FOR THE MEANING OF YOUR NAMES AND MAKE SURE YOU WRITE DOWN ANY PERTINENT INFO AND THE CORRECT DOCUMENTATION FOR THE BOOK (AUTHOR, BOOK TITLE, PLACE OF PUBLICATION, PUBLISHING COMPANY, AND COPYWRITE DATE—MOST CAN BE FOUND ON THE TITLE PAGE).**

The following are possible websites you might find information about your name. If you have an ethnic based name, include that in your search such as Korean, Chinese, African, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Indian, Romanian, Polish, German, English, Vietnamese, Hebrew, etc.

www.behindthename.com/ www.babynamesworld.com/ www.thenewparentsguide.com/baby-names-main.htm
http://www.lincoln.k12.nc.us/Internet_Institute/Genealogy.html www.mysteries-megasite.com/names.html [baby-names.adoption.com](http://www.baby-names.adoption.com) www.kabalarians.com www.zelo.com/firstnames/index.asp armenianheritage.com/famname.htm
www.muslim-names.co.uk/ www.bubbaboo.com/meaning-of-baby-names.asp www.ivillage.com/namefinder
www.ireland-information.com/heraldichall/irishgirlsnames.htm www.ireland-information.com/heraldichall/irishboysnames.htm dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/People/Names miva.zodiacal.com/acro.mv

Daniel Joseph Bennett
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Period A

May the Lord Judge and Increase the Blessed One

(TS) After researching books, web sites, and interviewing people, I have discovered what my name, Daniel Joseph Bennett, means. (1st Pt.) To start with, "Daniel" in Hebrew means "The Lord is my judge" ("Baby"1), and Daniel is also the name of a famous prophet in *The Holy Bible*, as well as the name of one of my uncles. (Ex.) Besides meaning "The Lord is my judge" Daniel can also be translated from Hebrew as "God judges" ("First"1), or "God is my judge" ("Behind" 2). My mother called me Daniel because, in her words, "I like the Biblical prophet Daniel because he was a good, strong, and faithful man, who stayed with his convictions all his life, from childhood to elderly manhood, regardless of the many moral challenges he faced" (Butler). Additionally, having a close relationship with her brother Daniel Frederick Larkin also helped my mother decide to pick Daniel as my first name. (2nd Pt.) In addition, "Joseph" meaning "God will increase" (Webster 63) in Hebrew was chosen as my middle name because of my third great grandfather and because of the positive example set by Joseph, son of Jacob/Israel in *The Holy Bible* (Butler). (Ex.) Starting with Joseph Smith Larkin, my third great grandfather, all the first born sons were named Joseph, except for my grandfather, whose father decided to skip the tradition. The tradition was re-started, using Joseph as a honorary middle name, beginning with my uncle, Eric Joseph Larkin, then passed onto me. More importantly, the name "Joseph" was chosen because my mother believed that giving me the name would encourage me to live up to the ideals of Joseph, son of Jacob/Israel in "The Holy Bible." She said, "Joseph was an amazing man, who was true and virtuous even in very difficult circumstances, like his brothers trying to kill him and sell him into slavery, and also being falsely accused and imprisoned" (Butler). (3rd Pt.) Lastly, "Bennett" which means "blessed" was chosen as my last name because English and American tradition states to take the surname of one's father. (Ex.) The English surname "Bennett" came from the medieval form of "Benedict," which in turn came from the Latin name "Benedictus" ("About.com" 1). Interestingly, the name Benedict has also been used by sixteen popes, and Saint Benedict was an Italian monk who founded the Benedictines in the 6th century. (CS) In summary, Daniel Joseph Bennett was chosen as my name to encourage me to be strong, true, and faithful like the Biblical prophets Daniel and Joseph, to honor the Bennett family surname, and when broken down by its Latin and Hebrew meanings stands for "May the Lord judge and increase the blessed one."

Works Cited

"About.com: Genealogy." 23 Oct 2007 <<http://genealogy.about.com/od/surnames/>>.

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<<http://www.yesteryearcyclery.com/FNF/namemeanings.htm>>.

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Everything below the "Works Cited" list will not be on yours!

The above "Works Cited" is what you must do for your paper. It is the second page stapled after your typed final. It must have the correct format, parts, alphabetical order, and be correct to pass.

Use the example paper here for the correct format of paper and Works Cited. In order to pass this assignment, you must follow the correct format!

Note: For a Correct "Works Cited" page, it is a separate page from your paragraph, it must be in alphabetical order by author and/or title if there is no author, each individual entry must be single spaced with any additional lines indented after the first line, and there should be double spacing in between the individual entries. Make sure that your Works Cited page has the "Works Cited" title centered, then change to left alignment for the individual entries, and that the individual entries are in alphabetical order with all their parts (internet-3 parts, interview-3 parts, and book-5 parts). See the first page of the assignment handout to check the parts.

This Must Be Typed and you will not pass if you do not follow the directions for the Works Cited page which includes the correct use of Quotations, Underlining, and punctuation. Use this and the first page of the handout.

Remember that every single individual entry MUST END WITH A PERIOD!