

# Organizing the Multi-Genre Research Project

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## Learning Target

- Understand and apply the elements of an effective organization to the multi-genre research project.

LEARNING STRATEGIES:  
Discussion Groups, Sharing and Responding, Sketching

- Use the table below to organize your presentation of your multi-genre research project. You may also use this chart as a planning guide.

Section of MGR	Criteria	Ideas for Development
Cover Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Original Title</li><li>Symbolic Visuals</li><li>Heading (Name, Date, Period)</li></ul>	
Table of Contents	In order of appearance, the table of contents provides an overview of sections in the paper. Be sure to include the following in your table of contents: introduction, genre collection, conclusion, reflective end notes, and works cited page.	
Dear Reader Letter: (Introduction)	This opening letter provides background information about your topic to your audience. It also introduces your thesis and how you threaded the collection of genres so the reader knows how to navigate through your paper.	
Collection of Genres	The body consists of a collection of genres created to help your reader understand your subject and thesis. This is where the multi-genre aspect of the paper is displayed via a minimum of six different genres threaded together with a metaphor or motif.	
Conclusion	What have I learned about the topic from this research project? What did you learn about the process from working on this project?	
Reflective End Notes	What genres did you include in your writing and why? Assemble your Reflective End Notes so that the genres appear in sequential order and contain the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Genre #, Title, and Genre Identified</li><li>Rationale: Explain why this particular genre was selected.</li><li>Reflection: How are the facts presented in the creative interpretation?</li></ul>	
Works Cited Page	Provide your list of sources for the research conducted. Consult the <i>MLA Handbook</i> or style manual preferred by your teacher or an online writing lab for instructions on format.	

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## My Notes

### Elements of Effective Organization

#### Writing to Inform—Introduction

- **Informative:** Explain the relationship between your topic and thesis. Give your reader a context for your topic that addresses the American Dream of “pursuing happiness.”
- **Organized:** Identify the metaphor that threads the genres together. Discuss how the paper is organized and provide a pathway for the reader to navigate through your text with ease.
- **Engaging:** Demonstrate your style as a writer as you craft your introduction.

#### Writing to Reflect—Conclusion

- **Say:** What have I said about the topic?
- **Mean:** What does this mean in relation to the thematic focus of the multi-genre research project?
- **Matter:** What is the larger significance of the topic and meaning to life in general?

### Check Your Understanding

What did you learn from the research process from this group project?

How will you use that information to be successful when you create a multi-genre research project individually?