Writing Assignment
African-American History – Biography

Directions:
1. Read all of these directions before beginning the assignment.
2. In your Writing Notebook, on the next blank page in the assignments section, write “Af-Amer Bio - Research” at the top, as the title for the assignment. Write the date in the upper right-hand corner of the page.
3. Choose an African-American, living or dead, about whom to complete this assignment. This may be a famous person or it may be a person whom you know, personally, who is African-American. If you are African-American, you may also choose to complete this assignment about yourself.
4. Write the name of the person you have chosen on the top of the page, underneath the title. See the teacher for approval before continuing.
5. Either through research, personal conversations, or your own memories (depending on who you have chosen for this assignment), you will write notes about the person’s experiences as an African-American, from their childhood through present day. This information should be written in your notebook, as bullet points, not as an essay. Include information that you feel is significant and that you would like to share with your classmates. You will need to have at least 2 pages of notes. If you chose someone about whom you had to conduct research beyond talking with the person, write down your sources. This does not have to be done as an official citation. You just need to write down the website, book title, magazine, etc. which you used.
6. Re-read what you have written, making any necessary changes or corrections. You should be turning in your BEST work.
7. Mark the date on which you completed this assignment on your work plan.
8. Turn your Writing Notebook into your mailbox as soon as you have completed the assignment, but no later than the due date listed on your work plan.