5th Grade Opinion Research Assignment

Essential Questions:
What makes a good leader? How do the qualities/characteristics acquired throughout a president's life, as well as his life experiences influence the kind of leader he was/is? Based on this information, was your president a good or bad leader?

Your Assignment:
1) Write a 5 paragraph opinion essay about whether or not the president you will research was a good leader. Remember to keep the EQs in mind as you collect evidence to support your opinion. Your essay must have an appropriate opening paragraph, clearly stating your opinion, three body paragraphs with subtopic information to support your opinion, and a convincing concluding paragraph. The final paper must be typed. You must also have a cover page and reference page to accompany your essay.

2) Create a visual presentation to use during your oral presentation of the information you have found.

Your Resources:
- 1 non-fiction book
- 1 internet sources (not search engines or Wikipedia)
- You may use one (1) reference source (encyclopedia, newspaper, magazine, or video) as an alternate to the internet source.

All of your sources will be recorded on the citing worksheet as well as in your reflective notebook.

Your Assistants:
- During the process, you will be given specific information as you need it.
- You will have a checklist to help you meet your deadlines.
- You will have a citing worksheet to help you organize your resources.
- You will be given sticky notes to record pertinent information on.
- You will be given a reflective notebook to record your thoughts and opinions.
- You will have access to the computer lab to type your paper.
- You will have several formative assessments throughout the process to make sure your work is meeting the learning targets.
- You will have a final rubric to evaluate your writing as you work.
- You will have a final rubric to evaluate your visual/oral presentation.
- Your cover page and reference page will be done during computer class with the help of the computer specialist.