

## I Search A Word Paper

1. Find an INTANGIBLE word. The word should be one you feel strongly about that is important to you in some way.
2. You need to research the word in all of the sources listed below. Make certain you write down the REFERENCE INFORMATION for each source for each source; title of the book or magazine, author or editor of the book or magazine, the year and place of publication, and the page number where you found the information. Look your word up in an unabridged dictionary. Copy the word's etymology and it's first definition. Photocopy or hand-copy the remaining definitions. Look your word up in a thesaurus. Copy the first group of synonyms and all the bold faced words. Look your word up in a concordance to the Bible. Find a verse that contains your word, then find that verse in the Bible and copy it. Look your word up in the Concordance to Shakespeare. Find a passage that contains your word, then look up the passage in any of the complete works of Shakespeare and copy the whole speech that contains the word. Include the speaker's name, act, scene, and line number in your reference information. Look your word up in Granger's Index to Poetry. Use one of the poetry anthologies and copy a poem that contains your word. Look your word up in a book of quotations. Copy a quotation in which your word appears and the quotation's identifying information. Look your word up in The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature. Find a magazine article that deals with your word. Locate the article, read and summarize the article. Look you word up in The Oxford English Dictionary. Copy the first paragraph of information, then photocopy or hand copy the rest of the information on your word. Interview you grandparents and/or your parents plus one other person. Write down what they think of your word and what it means. (You need at least three interviews.)
3. **WRITING THE PAPER:** This paper is as much about the process of discovering your word as it is about your word itself. Here is an outline: Introduction: Paragraph 1: Write the most interesting thing you discovered about your word. Paragraph 2: Tell the story of your search for information about your word. Be sure to describe any difficulties you encountered during your search. Body: Paragraphs 3-11: Write one paragraph on each source. Each paragraph should include your summary of the information, your interpretation of that information, and your personal comments on what you found. Remember, you are reporting on what you have learned. Conclusion: Paragraph 12: Write your response to this project. Overall what did you learn? Did you like the method? Were you frustrated? Did you amaze yourself with your ability to handle reference books?
4. **REFERENCE INFORMATION PAGE:** Include a page where you cite the complete sources of all your information. Additionally, you should include all information you copied form the sources (poems, definitions, etc.) 5. **COLLAGE:** Create a visual representation of the word. Use a large (12 x 17) piece of construction paper. The collage can include words, pictures, etc. Make it creative and colorful. 6. The paper must be TYPED and turned in on\_\_\_\_\_.