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Influence

Influence:

1. A power affecting a person, thing, or course of events, especially one that operates without any direct or apparent effort: *relaxed under the influence of the music; the influence of television on modern life.*

2. Power to sway or affect based on prestige, wealth, ability, or position: *used her parent's influence to get the job.*

We will be reading many different stories, biographies, articles, and songs about many diverse people and backgrounds. I want you to pay attention to all the ways each of these people were influenced....who influenced them? How? Did they influence others in a positive or negative way? How did their influence impact you and/or our society?

Once you have heard and read about these specific people, you will write a 175 word research paper explaining your meaning of influence, how you are influenced by people/situations, how you influence others, and what shapes your ideas, beliefs, and thoughts. You will need to include some examples of the people we research in class. We will use the writing process to complete this assignment in class.

Keep this sheet to write notes about the class reading assignments.

	How was he/she influenced?	Who or What influenced?	Did they influence others? Positive/Negative?	How did their influence impact you/society?	Notes
Jonah					
Nelson Mandela: A Long Walk Home					
Ghandi					

A Wounded Spirit					
When the Saints					
The Ultimate Gift					
Articles: TBA					

Additional Notes from Study: