

Example Step Two Outline: Student considered information under each question and organized it by main point or topic. Information from different sources is blended together based on how information fits together. Project Outline

1. Introduction

- a. My essential question asked how Marie Laveau lived her life.
- b. Marie Laveau in death, is an infamous figure in New Orleans haunted history. I wanted to see if she actually deserves the negative Voodoo image media has painted about her.
- c. Marie Laveau was seen as a mother to all, a respected woman and Voodoo Queen. Any negative talk stigma she gained were from tall tales white people told.

2. Goal Question 1: What was New Orleans like in the 19th century?

a. Beginning of 19th Century

- i. December 20, 1803, New Orleans became apart of the U.S via the Louisiana purchase (Fussel, two History.com Staff)
- ii. New Orleans became the wealthiest city in the country (History.com Staff)
- iii. Was also the third-largest city (History.com Staff)
- iv. Most of the people spoke French (History.com Staff)
- v. Slave trade did take place there (History.com Staff)

b. Mid to late 19th Century

- i. Between 1830- 1860 the population of New Orleans skyrocketed up to 366% due to immigration (Fussel, two)
- ii. Irish immigrants formed most of New Orleans's working class. They were given cheap labor that was very dangerous (Fussel, two).
- iii. Was an influential port trading to the Caribbean, South America, and Europe. Even when railroads were being built, it was still an influential port (History.com Staff)

3. Goal Question 2: Was New Orleans affected by the Civil War?

a. Beginning of the War

- i. New Orleans was under Confederate occupation at the start of the Civil War (History.com Staff)
- ii. It was the Confederate's largest and successful port to the outside world (History.com Staff, Dickson, 113, Marrin, 78)
- iii. Confederates could trade to Europe and Mexico because of their position in New Orleans (Dickson, 113)

b. Capture of New Orleans

- i. Only a year into the war when the Union seized New Orleans (History.com Staff)
- ii. April 1862, Admiral David G. Farragut with the power of 24 warships and 19 mortar boats led an expedition to seize New Orleans (Dickson, 112)
- iii. Night operation, Farragut's seize was successful with little casualties to the Union (Dickson, 113)
- iv. Confederates lost New Orleans, New Orleans was unscathed and was occupied by the Union for rest of the war (Dickson, 113)

c. Union Occupation

- i. When New Orleans was seized Abraham Lincoln said this word for word, "The Father of Waters again goes unvexed to the sea" (Marrin, 99)
 - ii. There were many Union sympathizers in and around New Orleans, they celebrated and help banquets for U.S Grant (Marrin, 100)
- 4. Goal Question 3: Is Voodoo a positive or negative practice?
 - a. Positive Voodoo
 - i. The Voodoo religion originated from slaves in Haiti who clung their beliefs (Nickell)
 - ii. 60% of Voodoo practices are for healing. 95% of voodoo in general is positive voodoo called Rada (Gilman)
 - iii. During a Rada service, a person can be mounted by an lwa (Gilman)
 - iv. lwa are the spirits of the earth, most lwa are positive and mount a person to give them good fortune (Gilman)
 - v. Voodoo and Catholicism co-opt together, many lwa associate with Catholic saints (Gilman, Nickell)
 - vi. Voodoo is derived of spiritual practice from Dahomey (Shantrelle)
 - vii. New Orleans's Voodoo consists of root work, gris-gris, and ju-ju magic. Most Voodoo priests and priestesses performed Rada rituals (Shantrelle)
 - b. Negative Voodoo
 - i. Negative practices of Voodoo are called Petro. Marie Laveau lead some Petro practices in New Orleans (Gilman)
 - ii. There are bad lwa, they are not considered evil as the people who practice Voodoo do not believe in evil spirits (Gilman)
 - iii. A minority did do Petro rituals too (Shantrelle)
- 5. Goal Question 4: What was Marie Laveau actually like?
 - a. Marie Laveau myth
 - i. The rumors of Marie Laveau. Voodoo Priestess in 1830's, almost sixty years after she was still youthful looking as ever. Her services were a scene from hell including orgies and animal sacrifices (Nickell)
 - b. The real Marie Laveau
 - i. Source says she was born in 1794, as an illegitimate child to a plantation owner (Nickell)
 - ii. Married in 1819 then later abandoned/widowed? Remarried in 1826 (Nickell)
 - iii. Laveau started practicing Voodoo after her mother's death (Shantrelle, Nickell)
 - iv. As a hairdresser to the social elite, she received a clientele to give Voodoo charms to (Nickell)
 - v. She gave her rich clientele heavy prices for her magic, but gave freely to the needy and suffering (Nickell)
 - vi. Was sought out for her advice in a lot of topics. Either gave actual advice or performed gris-gris magic for these clientele (Shantrelle, Nickell)
 - vii. She was seen as a mother to many people (Shantrelle)
 - viii. Marie died in 1881 at the age of 87 (Nickell)

- ix. She died “old and shrunken” with a horrible memory and bed ridden (Nickell)
- c. Voodoo Queen
 - i. Had three known places to perform Voodoo ceremonies (Shantrelle)
 - ii. She would perform fake rituals to the white public of New Orleans, while practicing the real deal in secret (Nickell, Shantrelle)
 - iii. Her home, were she would meet with her clientele and occasionally perform a ceremony in her backyard (Shantrelle)
 - iv. Lake Pontchartrain. Major ceremonies took place here. Iwa mountings were common in these ceremonies (Shantrelle)
 - v. Curious white people would sneak into the woods to watch. They made tall tales of what they witnessed for sensationalism (Shantrelle)
- d. After death “citing’s”
 - i. Her daughter Marie Laveau II took on her mother’s legacy until her death in 1897(Nickell)
 - ii. A claim was made that she was cited in 1919. Could have possibly been her granddaughter or a different Voodoo queen (Nickell)
- 6. Goal Question 5: How do I find an interesting way to Prezi?
 - a. Understanding a Prezi
 - i. A Prezi is just an epic Power Point (Rybroski)
 - b. When it comes to making a good Prezi these rules help
 - i. Make sure to have simple slides so the audience can focus on you the speaker (Rybroski)
 - ii. Make sure to have good font size so the audience can read it, but don’t use block text (Rybroski)
 - iii. Stick to using bullets in a Prezi slide (Rybroski)
 - iv. Make sure you Prezi has good flow and doesn’t get muddled or disorganized (Rybroski)
 - v. If using pictures, use only one picture per slide, the audience won’t focus on you if there are so many pictures (Rybroski)
 - c. End of a Prezi rule
 - i. At the end, have a work and pictures cited list (Rybroski)
- 7. Conclusion
 - a. My essential question asked how Marie Laveau lived her life. People liked to spread tall tales about her and paint her as evil. But she was giving, she was seen as a mother to all. People would seek her for advice. She left behind a legacy, not a positive one. That is still talked about in New Orleans.