

Process Paper

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I carefully chose my topic after searching through a number of websites with NHD project ideas for 2020. I knew that I wanted to do something with the environment or with the sciences because I am very interested in the two fields. I specifically chose Earth Day and Gaylord Nelson because I believe that Earth Day has had a tremendous impact on the environment. I personally wanted to learn more about Gaylord Nelson and what inspired him to accomplish such great things. Many people I spoke to about the topic were unsure who had founded Earth Day and I believe that it is not only important to learn about the day itself but also the man who created it and what caused him to do so.

I conducted my research by using databases and searching on the internet as well as conducting a few interviews. I felt that it was important to not only use online sources but to also do some primary research and speak to some people who knew a lot about the topic. I spoke with Jack Holzhueter, a member of the Wisconsin Historical Society, about my topic and he gave me two great people to interview, Curt Meine and Tia Nelson. From there I emailed back and forth with each of them and set up interviews that were very helpful towards my research.

I selected this presentation category because I felt that it worked best with my project. I thought that a website would be the best way to display all of my information at once without having information seem jumbled or unorganized.

I believe that Gaylord Nelson broke many barriers in history when he founded Earth Day. He had a very large impact on society and brought a lot of awareness to problems in the environment that needed fixing. Many people were aware of the environmental issues at the time but Nelson is the person who took a stand and convinced people that the environment and the future could be saved. He worked hard to spread the word and 50 years later Earth Day is still creating an impact worldwide.