

Research Project: Pioneers of Dance

Goal: To gain insight into the importance of a dance pioneer in innovating dance as we knew it at the time and for years to come.

Directions for the research paper

- a. Pick a dance pioneer of your choice from the list below or ask approval from Ms. Isabelle for someone else.
- b. Research paper components to include:
 1. Biography
 2. Explain the technique developed, concepts introduced, influences
 3. Attach 4 pictures that represent the style of movement & pioneer
 4. Research a dance company or dance group that specializes in this specific dance style inside or outside of Canada (link to a dance video and website required) today.
 5. Find a video that explains the choreographer's ideas or its legacy to the dance world.
 6. Which influences from this dance pioneer remain today? Where can they be found?
 7. Give the link to a dance video of this style that you can see yourself being able to learn today. Explain why you chose this video.
 8. Expand on what you like and dislike about this way of moving.
- c. Research project must be written on the computer and include a bibliography
- d. The assignment should be 800-1000 words in length.

Pioneers of Dance

- **Pioneers of ballet:** Louis XIV, Marie Taglioni, Marius Petipa, Sergei Diaghilev, Michel Fokine, George Balanchine, Frederick Ashton.
- **Development of ballet methods:** Agrippina Vaganova, Enrico Cecchetti, August Bournonville.
- **Pioneers of modern dance:** Agnes de Mille, Rudolf Laban, Martha Graham, Alvin Ailey, Merce Cunningham, José Limon, Lester Horton, Mark Morris, Paul Taylor, or Isadora Duncan.
- **Pioneers of contemporary dance:** Twyla Tharp, Robert Joffrey, Alonzo King, Nacho Duato, Mats Ek, William Forsythe, Jiri Kylian, Jerome Robbins.