**Research Questions and Thesis Statement Guidelines**

**Purpose: Compare two explorers and explain why they were successful or unsuccessful.**

Research Question

Sample Questions:

1. What were the goals of A and B. What aspects of their journey to achieve their goals were similar and how did these contribute to their success or failure?

2. Compare the characteristics of A and B. In what way did these characteristics contribute to their success or failure?

3. On their journey to achieve their goals A and B faced many obstacles, failures or limitations. In what way did these contribute to their success or failure?

Thesis Statement

Sample Thesis Statements:

1. In comparing the success of A and B, it becomes clear that financial support, clearly stated goals and plans and perseverance contributed to the achievement of their goals.

2. In comparing A and B, knowledge and expertise, perseverance and strength of character lead A to success, but unfortunately although B had the same characteristics circumstances beyond his control lead to failure.

3. Although A and B embarked on a worthwhile venture, their lack of preparation, funding, and physical endurance contributed to their failure.