

Copper Sun - Sharon Draper

Research either Fort Mose or Cape Coast Castle and find three sources to write your paper. After researching for and reading 2-3 quality sources, write an expository (explanatory) paper on one of the topics below. Be sure to correctly cite your sources.

Research Topics

Choose one of the following research topics:

A. "This be Fort Mose?" Amari asked, wanting to be absolutely sure they were in the right place. "Sure is, chile. Gracia Real de Santo Teresa de Mosé." "I done dream of this place," Amari said softly, "for very long time."

- Fort Mose was a real place. Even though it is now underwater off the coast of Florida, it really did exist and it really did offer safe haven to runaways. Research as much as you can about the place and how it operated. Find out about the museums and historical locations that celebrate its existence.

B. "Huge doors opened and they were led inside. The bright sunlight was suddenly gone, and she had to adjust her eyes to the dismal gloom inside the structure. It smelled to her of blood and death. She could hear terrifying wails that seemed to be coming from the walls of the place."

- Cape Coast Castle is a real place. Its remains still stand on the coast of Ghana, West Africa. Look up all you can on the castle. Find out about the cells, the number of slaves kept there, and what happened to those who passed through those gates.

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Research Report**

Topic:	Sources/Websites:
Questions to answer in my research 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Pictures I want to include in my presentation
Facts I discovered in my research • • • • • • •	Significance of my topic/Why is it important?
Questions I still Have	Someone outside of school I will share this information with...

Research Paper Guideline

Fort Mose was the destination and hope for Amari, Polly, and Tidbit in Sharon Draper's novel, Copper Sun. It was a real place of refuge and hope for many African Americans. Ms. Draper's inclusion of Fort Mose in Copper Sun inspired me to learn about its history, think about its place in the characters' lives, and celebrate the existence of it today.

2nd ¶ - Where it fit in to history
(dates, location, beginning, war, Spanish settlement)

3rd ¶ - Where it fit in the novel
(Draper's use of facts to be destination of main characters)

4th ¶ - Where it fits in to Florida's modern day life.

5th ¶ - Conclusion of history, novel, modern day