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RESEARCH **INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

from **Blue Nines and Red Words**

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An **informational report** is a type of nonfiction writing in which you explain a topic based on research you've performed. In this type of report, you use facts, statistics, and information collected from a variety of reliable sources to support and develop a **thesis**, or main idea.

A. DIRECTIONS: Begin planning your informational report by choosing your topic. Review the topics below, and place a mark next to the topic you will write about.

- _____ Explain how Daniel Tammet's experience serves as an example of synesthesia.
- _____ Compare the experience of a well-known savant in a specific field to Daniel Tammet's experience.

B. DIRECTIONS: Next, conduct research on your topic. Use a chart like the one below to record interesting facts and details from a variety of respected, reliable sources. Be sure to cite your sources (tell where the information comes from). Add lines as needed.

Interesting Fact or Detail:	Source:

C. DIRECTIONS: Next, identify any technical terms that you encountered in your research that you will need to define for your readers. Use the chart below to list the terms and their definitions. Add lines as needed.

Technical Term:	Definition:

D. DIRECTIONS: Finally, based on the information you gathered through research, decide what you want the focus of your report to be. Write your thesis on the line below.

Thesis: _____