

Project Outline for Students

This project will contain four major areas of study. They are as follows:

- **Research (25 points)**
- **Written Report with Bibliography (25 points)**
- **Timeline (25 points)**
- **Oral Report (25)**

Research

Using www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org, you will research an interesting & important topic from our history. You have spent time browsing through historical newspapers, brainstorming ideas with your class, and were given a list of topics that were relevant to our past (and some are still relevant in today's society). Choose a topic that interests you and can be researched using the CHN website.

Once you have chosen your topic, begin your research. You will need to find at least 5 articles relevant to your topic, however the more information you have, the better (go for more!). Download the articles and save them to your file. Be sure to include all information needed to cite the work according to MLA format (see attached handout).

You may use reference books (encyclopedias, almanacs) and other sources to supplement your information, but the majority of information presented must be from the CHN website.

Written Report

Write a three-paragraph essay which explains your topic and your research. Your essay requirements are:

Introductory Paragraph includes a thesis statement and general background information regarding your topic.

Body Paragraph explains your researched information.

Concluding Paragraph restates your thesis and brings your paper to a close. No new information will be stated here. You should also leave your readers with a final thought.

Bibliography cites all your researched information following MLA format (attached).

Timeline

Create a timeline that highlights the important aspects of your topic in sequential order. This timeline must have a minimum of **six** facts and dates relevant to your topic. **Three** of your six dates must be illustrated (you may use your own sketches, downloaded pictures, magazine cutouts, or clipart to illustrate the fact/date). This timeline will be presented to the class during your oral presentation.

Oral Report

Present your topic, researched information, and timeline to the class. Your oral presentation must include the following:

Hook: You want to grab your audience's attention at the beginning of your presentation. There are three ways to do this when speaking formally:

- State a startling or interesting fact about your topic
- Pose a question to the audience regarding your topic (be sure to let the audience answer, then explain the correct answer)
- Tell an anecdote, which is a humorous story that connects you (and perhaps your audience) to the topic you will be discussing

Introduction: This includes any background information you feel the audience needs to know, as well as a topic sentence

Body of speech: This is where you present your timeline and researched information to the class (the interesting & important facts you found while researching your topic). Be sure to include how any conflict is resolved regarding your topic.

Questions: The audience will ask any questions they have regarding your topic and research.

Conclusion: Briefly highlight or reword your most important fact, and then bring your paper to a close. Leave your audience with a deep thought you have regarding your topic.