

Current Events Project

What: you will be in charge of reporting the current events in _____.
You must research news and important occurrences in your assigned area. It will be your job to educate the class on what happened in that region of the world in the past week. You will focus on the main, most important events.

When: all presentations will occur on a Monday and will reflect the current events from the last week. You will present on Monday, _____, 2016.

Where: at the front of the classroom, presenting to your classmates and Ms. Thornton.

Why: to educate us on what is happening in the world so that we can better understand it and other people. To practice researching and public speaking skills. To prepare to become a global citizen.

How: The oral presentation is required, but you can choose the medium, or the how, you present the information. Possible choices include: Glogster, photo gallery/album, video, rap, postcards, magazine collage, etc. See me if you have an idea that you want to use. **YOU MAY NOT JUST SPEAK/PRESENT. You have to have a visual like one of the ones listed above. YOU MAY NOT DO POWERPOINT.**

You can have notes or notecards to guide you when you present, or you can use your visual to guide you in what you want to say. Practice your presentation over the weekend.

Other Presentation Details

Outline of your presentation:

1. Introduction to the region/section
 - a. Must answer: Where is the region/section located? What is the climate like?
2. Major Events in region/section
 - a. Explain the top major events
 - b. About 4-5 events; 30 seconds or so for each event
3. Most Important Event
 - a. Of the major events, go into detail on what you think is **THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT** that has happened.
 - b. Must answer: What is the event? Explain in detail.
 - c. Must answer: Why is it the most important event?
 - d. Must answer: What can we learn from this event?
4. Fun extra
 - a. Something fun, interesting, weird, strange, or gross that happened in region.
5. Summary Statement
 - a. Overall, what do you feel about these events?
 - b. What is the status of the region/section?

Length of Presentation

Your presentation should be 5 minutes (minimum) to 8 (maximum)

Be prepared to answer questions that students may have about your speech or visual. Don't just copy down information from a website. You must actually know what the events are about.

Oral Presentation Rubric : Current Events Project

Teacher Name: **Ms. Thornton**

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Body Language & Voice	Stands up straight, looks relaxed and confident. Establishes eye contact with everyone in the room and uses a loud, clear voice during the presentation.	Stands up straight and establishes eye contact with everyone in the room and has an okay voice volume during the presentation.	Sometimes stands up straight and establishes eye contact and/or weak voice volume.	Slouches and/or does not look at people during the presentation. Does not have a good voice volume (maybe hard to hear).
Preparedness	Student is completely prepared and has obviously rehearsed.	Student seems pretty prepared but might have needed a couple more rehearsals.	The student is somewhat prepared, but it is clear that rehearsal was lacking.	Student does not seem at all prepared to present.
Time-Limit	Presentation is 5-8 minutes long.	Presentation is 4 minutes long.	Presentation is 3 minutes long.	Presentation is less than 3 minutes OR more than 8 minutes.
Speaks Clearly	Speaks clearly and distinctly all (100-95%) the time, and mispronounces no words.	Speaks clearly and distinctly all (100-95%) the time, but mispronounces one word.	Speaks clearly and distinctly most (94-85%) of the time. Mispronounces no more than one word.	Often mumbles or cannot be understood OR mispronounces more than one word.
Content	Shows a full understanding of the topic. Outline followed. Visual looks complete and well thought-out.	Shows a good understanding of the topic. Outline mostly followed. Visual is good.	Shows a good understanding of parts of the topic. Visual needs work. Some things might have been left out from outline.	Does not seem to understand the topic very well. Did not make a visual or put much thought into it. Outline might not have been followed.