

Explanation of project: During the fall semester we will be working on the research for our National History Day project. Students will be graded on their daily work for a total of 150 points. In the spring semester, students will present their finished projects for another 50 points.

Fall Semester, Part I, Research			
Date	Topic	Assignment	Points
Week 1	explanation of topic	begin selection of topics	
	library day	narrow topic	
	plagiarism	quiz	5
	decide on broad topic	narrowing topic worksheet	5
Week 2	thesis statement	draft of thesis statement	5
	thesis statement	revised thesis	5
	library day	locate three books on topic and write citations for each	5
	library day	locate three articles on topic and write citations for each	5
	MLA review	quiz	10
Week 3	NHD rules review	quiz	5
	topic sentences	topic sentence of paragraph 1	5
	topic sentences	topic sentence of paragraph 5	5
	topic sentences	topic sentences for paragraphs 2, 3, 4	5
Week 4	writing strong paragraphs, additional research	introductory paragraph, five additional sources	5 5
	Week 5	bibliographies, primary and secondary sources	draft of bibliography
		writing conclusions	draft of conclusion
Week 6	rough drafts	draft of entire paper	5
	final drafts	final draft of entire paper and bibliography	15
TOTAL POINTS			100

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Fall Semester, Part II, NHD Project			
Date	Topic	Assignment	Points
Week 11	NHD Categories	select category, complete worksheet justifying choice of category (students must select either documentary or website)	5
	team	select teammates and complete team charter	5
	parental/guardian involvement	signed permission form	5
	image use	select three images and write citations for each	5
Week 12	diversity of sources	select music	5
Week 13	outlining	create and name tabs for website/draft minute by minute storyboard for documentary	10
Week 14	draft	rough drafts of websites/documentaries due	10
Week 15	process paper	draft of process paper	5
TOTAL POINTS			50

Spring Semester, Part III, NHD Competition			
Date	Topic	Assignment	Points
Week 2	final drafts	final draft of project and process paper to outside editor	10
Week 3	revision	revise drafts to include input of outside editor; be prepared to defend aesthetic choices	10
	NHD interview	practice with classmates for NHD interview	5
Week 3	school competition	presenting ideas to an audience	5
Week 3	registration	register for district competition	5
Week 8	district competition	compete at district competition	5
Week 11	revision	revised project to incorporate judges' suggestions	10
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