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Sample Syllabus
National History Day

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.

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<td>NHD Categories</td>
<td>select category, complete worksheet justifying choice of category (students must select either documentary or website)</td>
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<td>team</td>
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<td>create and name tabs for website/draft minute by minute storyboard for documentary</td>
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<td>final drafts</td>
<td>final draft of project and process paper to outside editor</td>
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<td>revision</td>
<td>revise drafts to include input of outside editor; be prepared to defend aesthetic choices</td>
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