

PROJECT CHOICES

Project #1: Jeopardy

Make a list of Jeopardy questions and answers that deals with a particular topic. Your game should cover at least four categories, and within each category include at least eight questions. Rate your questions according to difficulty level: 10 points, 20 points, 30 points, 40 points. You may want to include a couple Daily Doubles. Type or write your questions neatly on cards with the answers on the back. Indicate the point value on each card. Make sure all of your questions and answers are accurate.

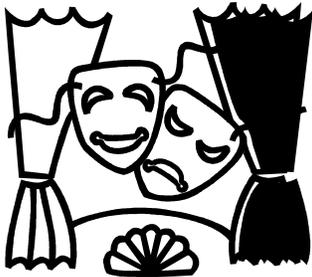
Project #2: Short Story

Write a short story in which you focus on the setting, characters and events of a particular time period. Your characters need to be involved with some important event of the time period you choose. The historical event, clothing, setting, and other aspects of the times must be accurate. You may include some fictional material as long as it is based on fact. Your story should be at least two pages and include a compelling plotline.



Project #3: Project Cube

Create a project cube by using a mailing box with six sides. Cover the entire box with butcher paper to prepare it for this project. Choose a topic that includes five subtopics. For instance, you might choose the **colonial period** and divide it into these five subtopics: *occupations, daily living, colonial crafts, food, and music*. Or you might choose **animal structures** and divide it into subtopics related to *respiration, digestion, waste disposal, and transport of materials*. Each side of the cube (except the top) will be dedicated to one of these five subtopics. On each side, draw a picture and include written information that explains the subtopic. Then, pull your project cube together by creating one common theme and showing it on all sides. For instance, you might draw the same symbol or picture on all sides to give it a cohesive look.



Project #4: Play

Write and perform a play that deals with your favorite topic. You may perform your play live or videotape it and show it to the class. In your play, focus on an event that happened and create a play about this event. Include characters and setting that correspond to this event and are historically accurate. The script should include props, costumes, narration, actors'/actresses' lines. The play should have a compelling plot.

Project #5: Song

Create lyrics to a song that focuses on a particular topic. You might create a song from scratch by making up the melody and lyrics, or you might create lyrics to a familiar tune. Record the song on audio- or videotape and share it with the class. If you play an instrument, use it as you sing. Your song should have a chorus and at least three verses. The song content can be clever, but make sure it is historically accurate.

Project #6: Picture Poster

Create a picture poster in which you create five drawings with captions for each drawing. First, identify five major aspects of a topic, such as: five events within a novel, five major accomplishments of a historical figure, five events leading up to a historically significant event, or five steps in a process. Create a poster layout in which you sketch drawings that represent these five aspects. Using your layout as a guide, draw finished pictures onto your poster. Accompany each picture with a typed explanation of at least four sentences. Remember to provide a title for your poster.

Project #7: Technology

Use technology to create a project that highlights five major aspects of a topic. First, identify five major aspects of a topic, such as: five events within a novel, five major accomplishments of a historical figure, five events leading up to a historically significant event, or five steps in a process. Then, create a layout that includes visuals and text. Using your layout as a guide, create your technology project. Remember to provide a title for your poster.



Project #8: Party

Plan a party for five famous people that you have been studying OR five characters in a novel. Complete each of the following to insure a successful party: 1) design an **invitation** to the party which would appeal to all of the characters; 2) describe what each character should **wear** to the party; 3) explain the **menu** for the party from appetizers to dessert; and, 4) describe the **games or entertainment** for the party in detail.

Display this information however you see fit - poster, technology, book, etc. Make sure that each aspect of the party would appeal to the guests.

Project #9: Trial

You are a prosecuting attorney putting one of the people you learned about on trial for a crime or misdeed s/he has committed. Prepare your case on paper, giving all your arguments and supporting each argument with facts from his/her life. You may videotape yourself in a mock trial, using friends/family to play roles in a court scene.

Project #10: Radio/TV Interview

Create a script and then tape an interview of a past historical figure, current individuals, or character in a novel. Pretend the person is being interviewed by a magazine or newspaper reporter. Remember to introduce the person at the beginning of the radio or television program and ask intriguing questions that would interest the listener. Reveal in the interview at least five important facets of this person's life. Have a friend or family member ask the interview questions while you assume the role of the figure. If you are videotaping the program, wear a realistic costume. Creativity is encouraged, such as including introductory music of the program, any necessary sound effects, pertinent commercials of the times, etc.

