

Family History Assignment

You are going to introduce yourself to me using your family history as a background. This assignment will serve two purposes: it will allow us to get to know each other better and will introduce you to how to think like a historian (perspective, cause and effect, etc.) There are no wrong answers for this assignment since it is about you, however, I do expect that you have well developed paragraphs with rich descriptions and explanations.

Many times we think that history comes only from textbooks. However, all of us have been impacted by historical events even though we may not realize it at the time. In this assignment, you are to investigate your own family background to discover which historical events have had the most impact on your own family (examples: conditions in another country may have forced your family to immigrate to the United States, a death during war might have affected the family structure, the Great Depression might have created a financial situation where family members changed careers or moved, etc.)

Once you have determined which historical events you will cover, you will create a brochure that explains in more detail the events and how they have impacted your family history. Follow the format for the brochure and the attached rubric in order to receive maximum credit. If at any time you have questions, come see your teacher for help before it is due! This assignment will be due at the end of the day on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.**

Brochure Specifics:

- PANEL 1 (front of brochure) – Title Page
 - Include a creative title about your family history.
 - Include a picture related to your family.
 - Include class period and date.
- PANELS 2, 3, & 4 (inside brochure) – Significant Events
 - Write a short paragraph about the event and why is it important/significant to your family history. Tell a story – make it interesting.
 - Be sure to include details where needed.
 - At least one event **MUST** tie in directly with an actual historical event.
- PANEL 5 (inside “flap”) – Your Future
 - What are your hopes/dreams/etc?
 - What do you see happening for you in your future?
- PANEL 6 (back of brochure) – About the Author
 - Include your basic biographical information – date of birth, parents, siblings, pets, hobbies, school history, etc.

Other Requirements:

- Your brochure should neat and creative.
- YES – spelling & grammar counts!
- Include a picture or pictures that relate to your family & history (at least one on every panel). These do not need to be actual pictures – they can be printed/photocopied and used.

My Family History – Rubric

Please turn this rubric in with your final project.

PANEL 1 – Title Page _____/5

- Creative Title
- Picture related to family
- Name, class period, date

PANELS 2, 3, 4 – Significant Events (10 points each) _____/30

- Paragraphs about each event & why it is important/significant
- Details included
- Min. 1 event tied directly to actual historical event
- Pictures on each panel
- Creative & Interesting

PANEL 5 – Your Future _____/5

- Includes your hopes & dreams
- Picture included

PANEL 6 – About the Author _____/5

- Includes all basic biographical information
- Picture of author

Mechanics _____/5

- No spelling or grammar mistakes

Total: _____/50

Grading Scale:

45-50 = A

40-44 = B

35-39 = C

30-34 = D

0-29 = F