

U.S. History 1st Semester Documentary 500 points

You will be creating a 10-12 minute Documentary with an accompanying pamphlet. Your topic is one of the national parks of the United States. Make sure that you have signed up for a park. No more than two people in class can do the same park. You can use any video edition program to make this, we will learn how to use Windows Movie Maker in class, which is a free downloadable program if you have Windows 7 or higher.

You must answer these questions in your documentary and pamphlet:

1. Why was your park founded? (Give the history of the process that made it a National Park) 2. What makes this park different from the other national parks? (Compare your park with two other parks) 3. What problems are facing your park either man made or environmental? (Each park has its share of problems discuss some of them and then give your own personal thought as to how they could be fixed.)

When we go to the library you will need to do several things there. These things will help you find books, magazines, newspapers, or articles on your topic. The web site you can get started with is <http://www.nps.gov>. This site will help you get contacts at the park, names of park rangers, and address of the park if you want to send away for specific park info.

Since you will be doing this documentary using videos you will need to use either clips you find on the internet or clips that you find on www.youtube.com or your personal clips, and you will need to start to compile a Credits Page that will need to run after the documentary concludes. Make sure to give credit to those whose work you are using. If you use your own footage then give yourself or parents credit as well. Remember to use the following sources for the historical and background info to make your documentary better.

--Books
--Magazines
--Newspapers
--Encyclopedia
--Internet

Below are a few sites to help you decide if you want to do a documentary project.

1. <http://www.udemy.com/blog/how-to-make-a-documentary/>
2. <http://www.ncdcr.gov/Portals/32/PDF/NHD%20Documentary.pdf>

What you will need to have in the documentary.

1. Title Slide
2. The Documentary- this is where you answer the questions given at the top of this flyer.
3. Credits- Give credit to all those that helped you or whose video clips you borrowed.
4. The documentary needs to be 12-15 minutes.
5. A pamphlet that details and outlines what the documentary covers along with some highlights of what to expect while watching the documentary.

--Choose Park Friday, Aug 28 (10pts)
--Park Summary Friday, Oct 23 (20pts)
--Pamphlet Introduction Friday, Oct. 30 (20pts)
--Credits/Work Cited Page Friday, Nov. 6 (20pts)
--Outline or video sequence Friday, Nov. 13 (30pts)
--Bring in Pamphlet and 5 min. Friday, Nov. 20 (20pts)

Final Video due Friday, Dec. 4th (500pts)

NO EXCUSES, THIS MUST BE TURNED IN ON THIS DAY ONLY! IF YOU ARE ABSENT SEND IT WITH A PARENT OR SOMEONE TO GET IT IN ON TIME. AGAIN NO EXCUSES!