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Saint Gabriel School

Date: November 2, 2018  
Religion 8: Term Paper Projects

Directions: Each student has been given a topic from the history of the Roman Catholic Church. Using a *minimum of five sources*, a brief paper should be written to highlight these topics. A “creative” poster must also be made to summarize the results of the research.

Topic: *Topics will be assigned on November 2, 2018.*

The guidelines for this assignment are as follows:

1. The first page of your report should be the *title page*. I shall review the proper format for the title page in class. It is the same basic format as the title page for the book report.
2. The second page of your report should be an *outline* of your development of the topic. I shall review the proper form for the outline in class.
3. Depending on your topic, the body of your paper should be from five to seven pages if your penmanship is not overly large. Please double space (Times New Roman, 12 pt.) any report that is typed.
  - a. The first page of the body is not numbered and begins approximately one-quarter of the way down the page.
  - b. The remaining pages of the body are numbered at the top (e.g. — 2 —) and contain footnotes at the bottom. Students may choose to include all footnotes together on a special page before the bibliography page. I shall review the use and form of footnotes in class.
  - c. You are to take notes from your reference sources and to present these ideas in your own words. Copying information “word for word” from any book will be automatic grounds for a failing grade.
4. A complete *bibliography* must follow the body of your report. Although it is permissible to obtain information from the *Internet*, other library sources must be used to complete this project. ***At least five books, not including encyclopedias and Internet sources, must be used for full credit to be given!!!*** I shall review the proper form for a bibliography in class.
5. The last page of your report should be a blank sheet of paper for my comments and evaluation of your paper.

6. Only write on the front side of each sheet of paper.
7. There should be no erasures, crossings out, or “White Out” used on the final copy of your report. No grade will be assigned to any paper which fails to meet this requirement until it has been rewritten at a time I shall determine.
8. All typed reports (e.g. computer) must be completed by the student alone. **Parents should not be doing any part of this assignment for the student!!!**
9. Do not be a procrastinator!!! This report should not be written the night before it is due. *Also, do not become suddenly ill during the days just before the project is due or on the date that it is due!!!* **No report will be accepted after 8:05 A.M. on March 18, 2018. Both the written report and the poster are due on this date!!!**
10. You will be required to make an oral presentation on your topic. Although you may have index card notes with you during this presentation, you must maintain eye-contact with your classmates. You will be graded in the following areas:
  - a. General Knowledge of Your Topic
  - b. Organization and Clarity of Your Presentation
  - c. Maintaining Eye-Contact with Your Audience (Classmates)
  - d. Projection of Your Voice (I sit in the back of the classroom!!!)
  - e. Ability to Handle Questions Relating to Your Presentation
11. The *summary posters* will be used for the hall display. Although pictures may be used to make your poster more attractive, **I must see the “key” points from your presentation highlighted in words. Use colored markers to complete the summary statements of your “key points. Do not just paste “computer printouts” of your report to the poster board. Full size poster board must be used!!! Do not use “science fair” poster board!!! This is too difficult to hang up in the hall!**
12. I provide “Research Days” on which you may come to use the more than fifty sources that I am able to make available. I can also be available to answer any questions you may have about your understanding of the sources that you are reading. It is sometimes good to make certain that you are gathering the correct information needed to complete the project!