

UNIT 1 MEDIEVAL EUROPE RESEARCH PROJECT) 2014

Assignment 1 (Topic, Rationale, Questions, and Format plan)

In our Social Studies class, we explored “topics of interest” as they pertain to the Middle Ages in Europe. Using social studies links on the internet, books, magazines and/or experts, you will be researching and presenting information in an area of personal interest as it relates to Europe in the Middle Ages.

To prepare for our Unit 1 project, you will submit periodic assignments towards the final project, including: a citation (WHERE you are getting information), vocabulary terms and key understandings (WHAT you are teaching), a progress update(HOW it is developing , and a presentation storyboard (HOW your presentation will look). We will discuss details about future assignments in class.

Final Projects will be due _____

Part A: Submit a specific topic of interest in Medieval European history from **one of the cultural aspect categories described below. (If you are interested researching a topic in an area not listed, please see Mrs. Kim-Villano).**

- **religion** – spiritual beliefs/practices
- **art** - kinds of paintings, sculptures, music or architecture
- **government** --ruler, form of rule and how laws are made
- **economics** - resources, money, trade, goods produced
- **learning/technology** --education, technological developments of the time
- **society** --housing, daily life, groups/classes, holidays, etc.

Review this assignment with a parent and return with your parent signature by _____.

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Name _____ Hour _____

A: Topic _____

B: Rationale _____

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Part B: The second part of this assignment is to state why you want to investigate this topic. First explain why you think the area you have chosen is important/interesting. Then explain the cultural aspects of the topic (how it relates to an area that we have studied or is mentioned above).

Part C: The third part of this assignment is to formulate questions you wish to investigate on your chosen topic. Focus not only on the *WHAT*, but also on the *HOW* and *WHY* of what you would like to learn through your research.

Part D: The last part of this assignment is to submit ***a project plan on the format*** of your presentation, or *how you will present your topic* to the class. Here is your chance to show your creativity! We discussed many possibilities in class. Some suggestions include (but are not limited to): Models, displays, videos, slide shows, audio recordings, essays, posters, performances, artistic creations. Your homework is to decide how you would like to teach the class about your topic. Consider how you will use your time, what materials/artifacts you will bring/show, and please think about the time you will need to prepare.

If you have any questions, please re-read this assignment first, then bring up any other question in class, write me a note, or mail me at skimvillano@stpius.net.

C: Questions I want to answer in my research: _____

D: Presentation Format : _____

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