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Dear Parents,

Your child is about to embark on a journey of learning. They will be conducting research on a Social Studies topic of their choice. They will be completing a project that has visual, written and oral components. The goal of this project is to inspire students to become lifelong learners.

This project will be extensive. Most of it will be done at home. It requires your child to develop responsibility. Students will need to adhere to deadlines, plan ahead and ask for help before due dates.

We ask for your help with this project. Please make sure that your child is working on it every week. Remind them of their deadlines. Urge them to ask for help when they need it.

This project is designed to prepare your child for the demands of high school. It is meant to empower students to pursue knowledge on their own. We look forward to seeing many exciting projects.

Sincerely,

8th Grade Staff

I have read the packet concerning the exit project. I understand that this is an extensive project. I understand that I must adhere to deadlines. I understand that if I need help I must ask for it. I understand that I must work on this project every week. I understand that I cannot plagiarize and if I do I will receive a zero. I understand that there are many parts to this project.

My topic is:

Student's signature

Parent's signature

Project Timeline

Task	Date assigned	Due Date	Parent signature (upon completion of the task)
Return parent letter tear-off	1/3	1/9	
Choose Topic	1/3	1/9	
Show teacher research	1/3	1/17	
Hand in bibliography	1/3	1/31	
Hand in paper	1/3	2/13	
Visual presentation due	1/3	3/25	
Oral presentation due	1/3	3/25-3/31	

Project Requirements

Research

- * Conduct research from a variety of sources. You must use **3** different types of sources (newspapers, internet, documentaries, books, etc.). You must use at least **5** sources.
- * Create a bibliography using the APA style.
- * Create an outline for your paper

Written Report

- *Write a 3-5 page typed paper addressing the key ideas of the topic.
- * You must use 12 point Times New Roman font. It must be in black ink and double spaced
- * Create a cover page that includes your topic, your name, your class, and the year. Do not include pictures on the cover page. Do not use report covers

Visual presentation

- *This part of the project will use technology
- *You may choose to create a google slides presentation, a documentary (using windows movie maker), or a Prezi
- *You must have a title on/in the presentation
- *you must have at least **3** types of visuals (pictures, maps, charts, graphs, etc.). You must have at least **10** visuals in/on the presentation
- *You are responsible for saving your presentation

Speech

- *Create a 2-5 minute speech that informs the class about your topic. Do not just read your paper or read from the visual presentation.
- *You may use index cards to help you with your speech

Remember:

- **You need to plan ahead. You will not be allowed to print anything on the due date. Make sure you have access to a printer that works at least 2-3 days before the due date - You cannot print it ANYWHERE IN THE SCHOOL 2-3 days before**
- **You will be working by yourself on this project**
- **You should be working on this every week**
- **Wikipedia is not an acceptable internet source, neither is ask.com. Find reputable sources**
- **Visit the library**
- **Plagiarism is not allowed. Plagiarized work will receive a zero - do NOT copy text directly - you must use your own words!**
- **Ask for help!**