Class: United States History – College Prep

Unit: World War II – Research Project

Content Area: History

Content Standards: Historical Inquiry, Analysis, and Interpretation

Performance Indicator: Students will examine and analyze primary and secondary sources in order to differentiate between historical facts and historical interpretations, and to support or reject historical hypotheses.

Project:

<u>Part One</u> – In groups, students will research a specific aspect of WWII, gathering a variety of reliable primary and secondary resources.

<u>Part Two</u> – Using MLA format, students will organize the gathered resources into a typed bibliography; each reference will be accompanied by an annotation.

<u>Part Three</u> – Each group will compile its bibliographic information into a class web page. Each reference will link to the corresponding annotation.

Assignment:

<u>Part One</u> – Over February break, you will do your research. This assignment will most likely require a few hours of work at the library. It is up to each group to divide the work among group members. Each group **needs** to have the following for **Monday**, February 28, 2005.

- 5 quality internet sites about your topic
- 5 non-fiction books that deal with your topic
- 2 Newspaper articles dating back to the late 1930's and 40's dealing with your topic
- 2 magazine articles from the 30's to the present covering your topic
- Two of the following:
 - Movies that address your topic
 - Artwork and photographs that address your topic
 - Music that addresses your topic

Each group member will need to record the bibliographic information of each source, and take notes on each source. The notes will serve as a basis for each annotation.

<u>Part Two</u> – On Monday, February 28, 2005, period ½ will be spent in the computer lab. Each group will type their information and prepare the layout for the web page. Please come prepared!

Part Three – At a date TBA, each group will compile its information into a class web page.

This project is worth one test grade

Research Project Rubric

Criteria	Distinguished	Exceptional	Basic	Novice
Group Effort 10 points	Students actively work with group members to create an electronic bibliography. 9-10 points	Students are fairly active in working with group members to create an electronic bibliography. 6-8 points	Students somewhat work with group members to create an electronic bibliography. 4-5 points	Students fail to be part of the group effort in creating an electronic bibliography. 0-3 points
MUGS 10 points	Bibliography has title, group members' names listed, no spelling or grammatical errors. 9- 10 points	Most of the components are included. Few grammar and spelling errors. 6-8 points	Some of the components are included. Some grammar and spelling errors. 4-5 points	Few or none of the components are included. Frequent grammar and spelling errors. 0-3 points
Layout 10 points	Bibliography opens with an introductory paragraph summarizing the WWII topic. Summary should include who, what, when, where, and a statement of purpose 9-10 points	Most of the components are included. 6-8 points	Some of the components are included. 4-5 points	Few or none of the components are included. 0-3 points
References 30 points	Bibliographic information is properly referenced, in accordance with MLA format. The required number of sources is present. 26-30 points	Most of the bibliographic info. is properly referenced. Most of the required number of sources is present. 19-25 points	Some of the bibliographic info. is properly referenced. Some of the required number of sources is present. 12-18 points	Little or none of the bibliographic info. is properly referenced. Few or none of the required number of sources is present. 0-11 points
Annotations 20 points	Each reference is accompanied by an annotation. The annotation clearly and concisely describes the source, and evaluates its usefulness. 18-20 points	Most of the references are accompanied by an annotation. The annotation clearly and concisely describes the source, and evaluates its usefulness. 14-17 points	Some of the references are accompanied by an annotation. The annotation describes the source, and evaluates its usefulness. 10-13 points	Few of the references are accompanied by an annotation. The annotation does little to describe the source or evaluates its usefulness. 0-9 points
Web Page 20 points	Bibliographic information is accurately entered into the web page. All of the links work. 18-20 points	Most of the bibliographic information is accurately entered into the web page. Most of the links work. 14-17 points	Some of the bibliographic information is accurately entered into the web page. Some of the links work. 10-13 points	Little or none of the bibliographic information is accurately entered into the web page. Few or none of the links work. 0-9 points