

State Report

Notes and Information Gathered will be due: December 14, 2009

This report contains four sections:

A. Part A (300 Points)

Rough Draft: Due January 26, 2010

You will be going on a virtual vacation to your state.

1. You need to plan a vacation in which you spend 3 days in your assigned state. You should travel through as much of the state as you can. Each day should be placed onto a separate sheet of paper with a picture or diagram of the place that you are visiting. Please be creative. These pages can look as if you have borrowed them from your scrapbook.
2. You will need to keep a daily written journal of what you see and do on your trip.
3. You will need to visit a minimum of 3 points of interest. They should include:
 - a. 1 historical site (ex: a monument or memorial)
 - b. 1 place of geographical interest (national or state park)
 - c. 1 place of your choice

B. Part B (300 Points)

Rough Draft: Due February 16, 2010

This section will include a majority of your research.

1. Cover Page Including:
 - a. 1-2 State Symbols
 - b. Name of the State
 - c. Your Name
2. Table of Contents (should be the 1st page in your report)
3. Geography
 - a. Geography and Climate
4. Economy and Industry
5. History
 - a. State Symbols
 - b. Historical Facts (*Rather than write a report or create a timeline, I would like for you to research and write 1-2 sentences on 5 historical events that occurred in your state.*)

6. Fabulous Facts
 - a. A State's Who's Who
 - b. Favorite Recipe

C. Part C (100 Points)

Rough Draft: Due February 23, 2010

1. Bibliography (We will go over this in class)

D. Part D (50 Points)

Presentation:

You will be asked to present your findings to the class. This presentation will be based upon the information that you gather on your state.

Extra Credit: You may create a PowerPoint presentation, a poster, or a State Wall Hanging to enhance your report. (50 Points)

Overall Evaluation:

This project will be scored on how well you followed directions, how neat and organized your final product is, and how well you were able to meet the deadlines. Your final copy should be typed or neatly written in ink and in cursive. ***You may use the worksheets to help you gather information, but your final report should be on a separate piece of paper.*** Your report should have great ideas, be organized, and have a minimal number of grammatical and spelling errors.

Final Project: Due March 16, 2010

Your project will be worth 700 points.

Good Luck!

State Report Grading Rubric

A. Part A (300 Points)

1 historical site

_____ Were all 3 locations included? (250pts.)

_____ Did you use correct spelling and punctuation? (25pts.)

_____ Creativity (pictures, layout) (25pts.)

1 place of geographical interest

1 place of your choice

B. Part B (300 Points)

1. Cover Page Including:

_____ Creativity (pictures, layout) (20pts.)

_____ Inclusion of 1-2 Symbols, State Name, Student Name (20pts.)

2. Table of Contents

_____ Did you use correct spelling and punctuation? (15pts.)

_____ Did the table of contents follow the order of the report? (10pts.)

3. Geography

_____ Did you include Geography and Climate? (35pts.)

_____ Did you use correct spelling and punctuation? (10pts.)

_____ Creativity (pictures, layout) (10pts.)

4. Economy

_____ Did you include information on your state's Economy and Industry? (30pts.)

_____ Did you use correct spelling and punctuation? (10pts.)

_____ Creativity (pictures, layout) (10pts.)

5. History

_____ Historical Facts (35pts.)

_____ Did you include at least 3 state symbols? (15pts.)

_____ Did you use correct spelling and punctuation? (10pts.)

_____ Creativity (pictures, layout) (10pts.)

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6. Fabulous Facts

_____ Did you include at least 5 items contained in "A State's Who's Who"? (20pts.)

_____ Did you include a Recipe? (20pts.)

C. Part C (50 Points)

Bibliography

_____ Did you properly site your sources? (40pts.)

_____ Did you include a bibliography? (10pts.)

D. Part D (50 Points)

_____ Presentation

E. Extra Credit (50 Points)

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PowerPoint

Poster

Wall Hanging

_____ **Total (700pts.)**

