

Honors World Cultures Biography/Event Paper 2011

Students may either select a person or event from the predetermined list found at the end of the directions, or propose a person or event for approval. No student may write a paper on a person/event without the permission of Mr. Moritz. No one is allowed to work together, and no one is allowed to write a paper on the same person/event. Some events may intertwine with a historical person, but the overlap will be minimal.

Paper Requirements:

Each student must complete a minimum of a 6 page paper.

Each student must include a cover page and works consulted page. These requirements are in addition to the 6 page paper.

Each student must include in text citations and prove that they at least researched their topic with a minimum of 10 sources. The required number of in text citations will be judged on a topic to topic basis.

I will only accept papers that are typed and turned in a hard copy form. I will not print out any papers. The cover page and works consulted page must also be typed. Research notes, print outs, and Mrs. King's research worksheets are required for this assignment. These also must be turned in on the due date. If a student turns in a paper that does not meet these requirements, it will be treated as a missing assignment.

If researching a person, one event in the person's life will be identified and expanded in greater detail than the rest of the paper. It is to be identified in the introduction and also at the start of the event while writing the paper. It is this event that will be expanded into a power point presentation as a separate grade. Details for the presentation will be given after the research period in the library.

EVERY DAY THAT YOU DO NOT TURN IN A PAPER IT WILL BE CONSIDERED A MISSING ASSIGNMENT. A 25 POINT DECUCTION WILL BE MADE REGARDLESS OF BEING IN SCHOOL. THE ONLY VALID EXCUSES ARE DOCTOR'S EXCUSES HANDED TO ME PERSONALLY OR A PRIVATE EXPLANATION.

AFTER 3 CONSECUTIVE SCHOOL DAYS WITHOUT A PAPER, I WILL NOT ACCEPT A PAPER AND THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A ZERO FOR THE ENTIRE ASSIGNMENT.

I WILL PROVIDE EXTRA CREDIT FOR ANY EARLY SUBMISSIONS. A STUDENT WILL RECEIVE 10 EXTRA CREDIT POINTS EACH DAY FOR UP TO 2 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REQUIRED DUE DATE.

Plagiarism:

When you fail to give a source credit purposely or accidentally, it is plagiarism. When you cannot academically prove or produce where you obtained your research material specifically or generally, it is wrong. When you deliberately copy someone's work and try to pass it off as your own material it is wrong.

The best way to avoid these embarrassing situations is to:

1. Have a complete and properly formatted works consulted page
2. Cite your material with proper in text citations
3. Complete rough drafts and turn in materials at the proper time
4. Hand in all research notes, source forms, and rough drafts at the proper time
5. Take your time and write down where you obtained all materials when researching

TOPIC CENTER

Greece			
Famous Greeks		Greek Events	
Alexander the Great	Aristotle	Trojan War	Death of Alexander
Pericles	Plato	Greek Olympics	Battle of Gaugamela
Phillip II	Pythagoras	Alexander's Western Campaign	Alex's Eastern Campaign
Ptolemy I	Socrates	Battle of Thermopylae	Greek Government
Solon	Plutarch	Trial of Socrates	Athenian Empire
Themistocles	Archimedes	Battle of Marathon	

Rome			
Famous Romans		Roman Events	
Mark Anthony	Sulla (138-78 BC)	The 7 Kings	Gladiators/Coliseum
Augustus	Hadrian	1 st Punic War	1 st 12 Emperors
Claudius	Diocletian	2 nd Punic War	Second Roman Civil War
Caligula	Justinian I	Great Roman Civil War	Roman Republic vs. Italy
Julius Caesar	Nero	Barbarian invasions of the Late Empire	
Constantine the Great	Theodora		

Medieval Europe (476-1200)			
Famous People		Medieval Events	
Charlemagne	William Wallace	Knights Templar	Battle of Hastings
William the Conqueror	Richard the Lion heart	1 st Crusade	Castle Life/Building
John I	Edward the Confessor	3 rd Crusade	Viking Invasions
		Origins of Feudalism	

High Middle Ages (1300-1600)			
Famous People		Famous Events	
Joan of Arc	Ivan III	Renaissance Italy	Black Plague
Cosimo De Medici	Ivan IV	Reformation Germany	Medici Family
Martin Luther	Henry VIII	Cathedral Building/Life	Rise of the Guilds
Henry VIII	Leonardo Da Vinci		
Michelangelo	John Calvin		

Americas and Exploration			
Famous People		Famous Events	
Christopher Columbus	Toussaint L'Ouverture	Golden Age of Piracy	Aztec Conquest
Hernan Cortez	Simon Bolivar	Latin American Revolution S. America	Latin American Revolution Mexico
Francisco Pizarro	Jose De San Martin	Inca Conquest	

Egypt			
Famous Egyptians		Famous Events	
Akhenaton	Imhotep	Battle of Kadesh	Pyramid Building/Life
Amenhotep III	Ramesis II	Mummification	Old Kingdom
Thutmosis III	Zoser	New Kingdom	
Cleopatra VII	Hatshepsut		

Mesopotamia/Islamic Empire			
Famous Mesopotamians		Famous Events	
Cyrus the Great	Darius I	Zarathustra-Zoroasterism	4 Rightly Guided Caliphs
Darius III	Xerxes	1 st Crusade	3 rd Crusade
Muhammad	Suleiman the Great		
Osman the Great	Saladin		

China			
Famous Chinese		Famous Chinese Events	
Kublai Khan	Zheng He	Rise/Fall of Mongols	Great Wall of China
Genghis Khan	Confucius	Art of War	
Emperor Ch'in	Lao Tzu		

India			
Famous Indians		Famous Indian Events	
Gandhi	Akbar	British Occupation	Passive Resistance of Gandhi
Chandragupta I	Buddha	Mughal Empire	
Ashoka			

Modern World			
Famous People		Famous Events	
Peter the Great	Catherine the Great	French Revolution	Napoleonic Era
Napoleon	Louis XIV	Unification of Italy	Unification of Germany
Louis XVI	Marie Antoinette	Origins of WW I	Russian Revolution
Marx/Engels	Otto von Bismarck	Cold War (Europe)	Cold War (Asia)
VI Lenin	Joseph Stalin	Berlin Wall	6 Day War
Rasputin	Sun Yat-Sen	Arab-Israeli Conflict until 1972	Arab-Israeli Conflict until today
Mao Zedong	Ho Chi Minh		

REQUIRED QUESTIONS

Famous Person	Famous Event
1. What is the theme of your paper? Is this person good or bad? Is your person very important, somewhat important, or only important to their era? Provide details that will be used in your paper.	1 What is the theme of your paper? How would you rate and explain this event in terms of history and culture? Provide details that will be used in your paper.
2. What is the background information of your person? When and where were they born?	2 What is the background information of your event? When and where did this event start to develop?
3. What did the person's parents do? What type of family did the person come from? Did their upbringing influence their life?	3 What is the pre-history that started the development of this event? Remember history is like blocks, one has to fall for the next block to be active.
4. Describe the culture in which your person lived in. Choose to identify a minimum of 4 topics from the below list.	4 Describe the culture in which your event occurred. Choose to identify a minimum of 4 topics from the below list.
Social Structure, Government, Law and Courts, Economy and Industry, Occupations, Education, Family, Gender Structure, Health and Disease	
5. Identify the key event of this person's life. This section should have a beginning, middle, and end. Explain and emphasize why it is the key point to their lives. Remember this is the topic which be used for your power point presentation.	5 What is the key moment of your event? This section should have an expanded beginning, middle, and end. Explain and emphasize why it is the key point to overall event. Remember this is the key point which will be used for your power point presentation.
6. What is the short term impact of your person to history? How did they impact history/culture while alive and shortly after death.	6 What is the short term impact of your event to history? How did this event impact history/culture while is what currently active and shortly after its end.
7. What is the long term impact of your person to history? How did they impact history/culture many years after their death including today.	7 What is the long term impact of your event to history? How did this event impact history/culture many years after its ending including today.
8. If your person never existed, would someone else or other people been able to make the same contributions of your person. You may itemize their accomplishments, or make an overall statement about their life and their work.	8 If your event never occurred, would another event or events move history along without much interruption? Which future events were most influenced by your event? How would those events be changed or unchanged?

