

Our Lady of the Angels annual History Fair will be held on March 24. Students from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will participate. The topic for Fourth Grade is Pennsylvania History. For Fifth Grade the topic is the American Civil War and for Sixth Grade the topic is World War II. The main purpose of these projects is to learn the **process** for doing research and to use that research to write your paper and create your display board. The History Fair is an exhibit, not a competition. You will receive a grade for your project based on a rubric. This grade is a major grade for the third trimester marking period so it is important that you do your best.

You will be given **some** time during Social Studies, Library, Computer and Art to work on your project. However, most of your work will be done for **homework**.

Your project will consist of organized note papers or note cards which you will use to write a 2-page paper, typed double space using Times New Roman font, size 12. Your paper may be longer than 2 pages but it may not be shorter. Mrs. Spicer and Mrs. Carey will teach how to write bibliography entries correctly for books and internet sources. You will use this information to write the bibliography for your paper. You need to use 2 books and 2 internet sources for your research. This is the **minimum**. To receive credit for the sources in your bibliography, you must have **notes** for each one listed. You must **hand in your notes** to be included in your grade. There should not be information in your paper which is not also found in your notes. **Wikipedia is not an acceptable source for research**. You will earn more points on the rubric if you use more sources.

You will also create a display board to illustrate main ideas and supporting details of your topic. It should include **labeled** pictures, graphs, maps, charts, etc. which you may print out from the computer, draw, or cut out or copy from books or magazines. Writing should be in your own words. **It is not acceptable to display entire articles which you have printed out from the computer or copied from a book**. Work to make your display board neat and attractive. For the title on the board, use cut out letters which you make or buy, or print it out from a computer. **Do not write the topic directly onto the display board using crayon or marker**. You may attach your 2-page paper to the display board or put it on the table. You may also create a display of objects related to your topic to place on the table. This is **optional** and will not affect your grade. A display board will be ordered for you at school at the cost of **\$3**.

Choose a topic from the list for your grade, fill out the form and have a parent sign it. Return it to me by Feb. 9. We will have a drawing for topics chosen by more than one student. These topics are suggestions. If there is a topic that you would like to do that is not on the list, you will need to discuss it with me for my approval.

#### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

Feb. 7: Lesson on how to take notes and organize them

Feb. 9: Return form

Feb. 16: Research in Computer & Library

Feb. 17: Last chance to change topic with note from parent

Feb. 9-28: Research on your own at home

Feb. 21: Research in Social Studies Class (bring a book or computer information to use)

Feb. 23: Bibliography entries in Computer & Library

Feb. 28-Mar. 4: Bring in notes on 2 sources and get them checked

Mar. 1: Plan & begin display board in Art. **Bring materials from home**

Mar. 3: Work on writing the paper in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies class

Mar. 3: Work on writing the paper in 5<sup>th</sup> grade ILA class

Mar. 10-15: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Progress check: bring notes & rough draft of paper

Mar. 10-15: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Progress check: bring notes & rough draft of paper

Mar. 24: Bring project to school and set up in gym. The exhibit will be open 7-8 p.m. **If you come in the evening, you must stand at your project and be prepared to answer questions from the visitors. You may not visit the other students' displays in the evening.**