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Black History Fair 3D Project: Diorama Essay

February is Black History Month and in celebration of Black History Month you have the option to complete a diorama OR an essay.

3D Diorama: You will create an artistic 3D representation of a significant person, invention or event that has contributed {positively} to African American history. Your 3D project should be accompanied by a one page report. The report can be written or typed but must be double-spaced. For hand written reports you should skip a line when writing the final draft.

Some things that you may want to include in your one page report are:

- Birthplace
- Education/Training,
- What did they invent or what are they famous for?
- How did/does their work or invention help or inspire others?

Your handwriting and completed diorama need to be as neat as possible.

You should think outside the box and be as creative as possible. Explore people/events that you aren't familiar with and use a variety of materials. For instance, a diorama could consist of a scene of Madame C. J. Walker inventing hair relaxer. You may use whatever materials you like to recreate scenes, such as but not limited to shoeboxes, modeling clay, construction paper, hand-drawn, or computer images. Also in the making of your diorama, be sure to think about your housing of your project. You really don't have to use a shoebox to make your diorama. You can use any number of interesting containers in order to make a really unique diorama housing. For example, if you are going to make a diorama about an astronaut you might want to use a space shuttle shape diorama housing. This adds a level of uniqueness that makes your diorama more meaningful. It gives people something to talk about. Think about what your diorama is going to be about and then look around for housing ideas. Choose a housing idea that looks really nice and gives the whole diorama a very sophisticated look.

Remember: a diorama not only shows a scene, but they can tell a story by capturing a significant moment in time.

Essays

Your assignment: Explore people that you aren't familiar with. African-American history is full of fascinating stories, rich culture, great art, and courageous acts that can be researched to educate people who read your essay. For example, Daniel Hale Williams was the first person to successfully complete open heart surgery.

Requirements: Your essay is to be 3 -4 pages long, written or typed (double-spaced). If typed the font should be 12 pt. sized. You should also include a reference page. This page should document any sources you used to gather information for your paper. The essay should be neatly put together and full of information that highlights the historical figure you chose to research. Please be careful not to plagiarize any information.

This essay should include:

1. Birth date of historical figure
2. Early life, childhood
3. Educational background
4. The significance to African American culture
5. Any obstacles they faced
6. Triumphs or Awards they have achieved or received
7. What did they invent or what are they famous for?
8. How did/does their work or invention help or inspire others?

Each student must submit the name of an African American for teacher's approval before starting the project. This process ensures there are not several duplications of the same person being researched. Please detach the bottom portion of this page and return to Mr. Herman no later than Thursday, February 5, 2015. If you have any questions please contact me via email at jherman@henry.k12.ga.us or phone at (770) 389-6656. Have fun and BE CREATIVE!

Mr. Herman

Please select one and return this bottom portion to Mr. Herman by Thursday, Feb. 5th

My child, _____ will research and complete an essay on

_____.

My child, _____ will research and complete a 3D diorama on

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Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 4th Grade ESSAY RUBRIC

Essay Component	3	2	1	TOTAL FOR COMPONENT
Title Page	Contains: Title, Student Name, and Teacher Name	Contains Title, or Student Name, or Teacher Name	Only contains one of the title page components	
Birth Date and Early Life	Essay clearly describes the birth date and early life of figure.	Essay does not clearly describe birth date and early life.	Essay fails to describe figure's early life.	
Educational Background and Significance to African American Culture	Essay clearly describes the figure's educational background and significance to African American culture.	Essay describes the figure's educational background <u>or</u> significance to African American culture.	Essay fails to describe the figure's educational background or significance to African American culture.	
Obstacles and Awards	Essay clearly describes any obstacles faced and awards earned by figure.	Essay describes obstacles faced <u>or</u> awards earned by figure.	Essay fails to describe obstacles or awards earned by figure.	
Why this figure is famous and inspirational?	Essay clearly describes why this figure is famous and inspirational.	Essay describes why this figure is famous <u>or</u> inspirational.	Essay fails to describe why this figure is famous or inspirational.	
Punctuation, Capitalization, Grammar, Sentence Structure	Essay contains none or very few punctuation, capitalization, grammar, or sentence structure errors.	Essay contains a few punctuation, capitalization, grammar, or sentence structure errors.	Essay contains many punctuation, capitalization, grammar, or sentence structure errors.	
			TOTAL SCORE OUT OF 18 ----->	

Black History Diorama Rubric

Category	4 Outstanding	3 Good	2 Fair	1 Needs Work
Appearance of the Project	The project's appearance is professional and polished without distracting elements.	The project's appearance is quite professional and polished without few distracting elements.	The project's appearance is somewhat poor. Some distracting elements.	The project's appearance is quite poor. Many distracting elements.
Creativity	Presentation of information is from a new perspective. Visual is original. Product includes an element of fun and interest	Presentation of information is from a new perspective. Visual is original. Product does not include an element of fun and interest	Presentation of information is from a new perspective. Visual is not original. Product does not include an element of fun and interest	Presentation of information is not from a new perspective. Visual is not original. Product does not include an element of fun and interest
Style and Organization	Display is interesting and attractive. Materials are complete and organized to present the historic figure/event well	Display is interesting and attractive. Materials are complete and organized.	Some parts of the display are interesting. Some materials are complete and organized.	Display is uninteresting and not tidy. Materials are incomplete and not organized.
Knowledge	The diorama demonstrates a thorough knowledge of the subject investigated	The diorama demonstrates a good knowledge of the subject investigated	The diorama demonstrates some knowledge of the subject investigated	The diorama demonstrates very little knowledge of the subject investigated
Content	The project content is exemplary and suggest that the student has discovered the important details about their historical figure/event	The project content is good and suggest that the student has discovered most of the important details about their historical figure/event	The project content is fair and suggest that the student has not discovered most of the important details about their historical figure/event	The project content is poor and suggest that the student has not done sufficient research about their historical figure/event

