

3rd Trimester

State Research Report Requirements

DUE DATE: MAY 17, 2010

Instructions:

You will research and write a state report on the state you recently chose or were assigned.

Below you will find a list of items that should be part of your report.

Contents of your report: (Please put your pages in this order)

1) **Cover Page** for your report: Make an eye-catching and colorful cover page. Also include your name, your teacher's name and the date.

2) **Table of Contents**: List the separate sections in your report and the page number.

Example: Map of Iowa Pg. 3

3) **State Facts Page** – a page that lists some interesting facts of your state. This serves as an overview of important and interesting information on your state. Include facts like the population, rainfall, state motto, major cities, the capital, and any other interesting facts you come across in your research.

4) **History of your State**: This is the main section of your report and will take most of your research time. Give a detailed history of your state. Be sure to include:

- a) Native American history of your state. Do not give general information. Name some of the main tribes in your state and the areas where they were active. Does your state currently include any Native American land and settlements called reservations?
- b) When did your state become part of the United States and why did they become a state? Each state has a story of the events that led to their decision to become a state (cause and effect).
- c) Any important battles that affected our nation. Did your state participate in the Revolutionary War or the Civil War, for example. Not all states will have this as a part of their history.
- d) Well-known Individuals: describe any well-known people that came from your state. Look for past presidents, military officers, and other national

leaders. Pick one interesting person and do a one page biography of that person's life. See me if you need help with this section.

5) **Describe the geography** of your state: This would include any outstanding physical features: major rivers, mountain ranges, etc. Include a hand-drawn map with a legend of these features. Also include accompanying statistics for your state capital: (annual rainfall, average temperatures)

6) **Describe the economy** and industry of your state. How does your state make money? Not all states are equal in how much money they contribute to the wealth of the United States. What major activities take place in your state to make money? Include a hand-drawn map of your state with a legend that shows the industry in your state. Examples of industry could be mining (be specific – e.g. coal, gold, iron), farming (be specific – e.g. corn, pineapple, beets), automobile manufacturers, finance and business, tourism, etc.

7) **Illustrations.** Your report should include illustrations throughout. These illustrations are required: Hand drawn map of your state / Picture of the state flag (this can be downloaded only if the flag is too complicated to draw – ask if you are not sure!) / pictures of the state flower and bird.(this can be printed). Add any other pictures or drawing as you wish to help to tell the story of your state.

8) **Bibliography** – At least one book is required in your bibliography of sources. When you use a book, magazine, encyclopedia, or web page for research, see the examples below:

Examples of bibliography format:

- a) For a book: Author / Title of book / Publisher and date of publication
Henley, Patricia. The Hummingbird House. Denver: MacMurray, 2004
- b) For a magazine or newspaper article: Title of the article in quotes, Publication, and date:
“Tourism Falls in Florida” New York Times 14, Sept. 2007; A17
- c) For a reference book (encyclopedia): Title of the article in quotes, publication, and date:
“Florida” Encyclopedia Britannica. 2007 edition
- d) For a website, give the author's name (if it's printed on the page), the title of the web page, the organization that posted it (e.g. Wikipedia), the date it was published or last up-updated (if known), the date you looked at it, and the full web address inside <> brackets.

Lynch, Tim. "DSN Trials and Tribble-ations Review." Psi Phi: Bradley's Science Fiction Club. 1996. Bradley University. 8 Oct. 1997
<<http://www.bradley.edu/campusorg/psiphi/DS9/ep/503r.html>>.

Another example:

Author Unknown. "California." Wikipedia. Updated March 13, 2009. March 15, 2009. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California>

9) **Create a poster / brochure** based on your research that would make someone want to go to your state. Including all of the attractions that people would like to visit. Your brochure or poster will be judged based on how appealing your pictures are and how persuasive your words are. Convince me that your state is the best state in the USA to visit!

The poster/brochure will be completed in class!

Tips to Producing a Great State Report:

☐ Be sure to use your research outline to organize your research. Part of your rubric points will come from turning in your outline.

☐ You need to start this project as soon as possible. Most of your time (about 80%) should be taken up with the research portion of your project. The actual writing will not take much time if you do enough research and have your notecards organized.

☐ Use good editing practices. **Not every word you put on your notecards should wind up in your report.** If it doesn't support the topic of your paragraph, don't use it.

☐ Also, your project should be written in your own words after researching other sources. **IT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO COPY AND PASTE INFORMATION INTO YOUR REPORT.** A fifth grade research paper should include fifth grade vocabulary. If plagiarism occurs, your state report will not be accepted and will earn a failing grade.

State Report Timeline:

Deadline 1 – March 24th , 2010

- Return the signed bottom portion of this page to school.

Deadline 2 – April 23th , 2009

- Turn in your outline and rough draft of your state's history.

Deadline 3 – May 17th , 2009

- Turn in your report on this date at the latest.

The state that I will be researching is _____.

I have read through all the requirements with my parents, and they are aware of the project.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Grading – 100 points total.

Research Report – 75 points of Social Studies grade

- Cover page – 5 points
- Table of Contents - 5 points
- State Facts - 5 points
- History of State - 20 points
- Geography - 5 points
- Economy - 5 points
- Bibliography - 5 points
- Illustrations throughout - 5 points
- Maps – 5 points
- Language Conventions - 15 points

Report Deadlines – 25 points

- Deadline #1 March 20th, 2009
 - Parent Signature page – 5 points
- Deadline #2 – April 11th, 2009
 - Information cards and rough draft – 15 points
- Deadline #3 – May 11th, 2009
 - Report completed and turned in on time – 5 points

Name: _____ # _____

Date: _____

State Report Research Outline

Your state: _____

State Facts:

- _____

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History of your state:

Native American Tribes:

Tribe : _____

Location: _____

Facts about the tribe:

- _____

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Tribe : _____

Location: _____

Facts about the tribe:

- _____

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History of your state

Tribe : _____

Location: _____

Facts about the tribe:

- _____

- _____

- _____

Tribe : _____

Location: _____

Facts about the tribe:

- _____

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- _____

History of your state

Native American Reservations:

- _____

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- _____

Founding of your state:

When did it become a state?

- _____

Why did it become a state?

- _____

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History of your state

Important battle(s):

- _____

Important individuals:

- _____

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- _____

Important person – biographical information:

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Geography:

Physical features:

- _____

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Statistics:

- _____

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Economy:

Your state's industries:

- _____

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How are the industries important? (How do they contribute to the state or the country?)

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Extra Notes:

Section: _____

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Bibliography:

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