Mission Simulation Project Guidelines

You will write a report focusing on the California mission period. You will use the outlines you have taken during the mission simulation, as well as information from your textbook to write a report that will be separated into 5 sections. Each section will vary in length, but should include all of the information from the questions asked below. Below you will find questions to guide you to include all of the information you need for your report. If you wish to add additional interesting facts you have found during your research, you may include them in the appropriate sections. If you finished your report early, there will be additional extension activities for you to complete.

You will need to take notes on each section and have them approved before you may go on to the next section.

Section 1: Explorers - two paragraphs

I. Paragraph 1:
   A. What were the 2 reasons that the Spanish explorers came to the Americas?
   B. What did the land conquered by the Spanish become known as?
   C. Who was Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo? When did Cabrillo first reach San Diego Bay? What did his voyage help the Spanish learn?
   D. Who discovered Monterey Bay? Why was it important for the Spanish to find a good harbor?

II. Paragraph 2:
   A. Why did Spain decide to start a colony in Alta California?
   B. What did they decide to build in order for the colony to be successful?
   C. Which explorer brought the missionaries from Spain? What was his job while in California?
Section 2: Father Serra

I.  **Paragraph: Father Serra - at least 1 paragraph**
   A. What was his real name, full name? Why did he change his name? What is a missionary?
   B. Where and when was he born?
   C. When did he come to California? Why did he come to California?
   D. What was the first mission he founded? When?
   E. How many missions did he build?
   F. When did he die and where is he buried? Why is he buried there?

Section 3: Assigned mission ________________

I.  **Paragraph 1: Mission's general information**
   A. Why were missions established in California?
   B. How were mission sites chosen?
   C. What is the name of the mission you were assigned?
   D. What number is the mission in the mission chain?
   E. On which date was the mission founded?
   F. Which priest or priests founded the missions?
   G. Where is the mission located in California?

II.  **Paragraph 2: Architecture**
    A. What is the layout of the mission?
    B. Does it have a bell tower*? If so, how many?
    C. Does it have an irrigation system*?
    D. What special buildings are at the mission?
       *If your mission does not have a bell tower and/or irrigation system, you must choose 1 or 2 other areas/buildings to write about.

III.  **Paragraph 3: History**
     A. Write about at least 3 major events that happened in the history of the mission. These should be written in chronological order!

IV.  **Paragraph 4: Conclusion**
    A. What is secularization? When was the mission secularized?
    B. What are some facts about the mission today?
Section 4: Native Americans at the Missions

I. Native Americans - at least one paragraph
   A. Which tribe was at the mission (assigned mission)?
   B. How was living at the mission different from their life before?
   C. What were the reasons the Native Americans were brought to the missions?
   D. How did the Native Americans and padres communicate?
   E. What were some of the jobs the Native Americans had at the mission? How did the Native Americans know when it was time to work?
   F. What is secularization? When did it occur?
   G. What happened to the Native Americans after secularization?

Section 5: Importance of missions in California

I. Paragraph 1: Why were the missions established? (make sure you include all three reasons!)
II. Paragraph 2: In what 3 ways did the missions benefit California?