World History: Family Tree Project

An extra credit opportunity is being made available to you. If you choose to take advantage of this opportunity, you will be completing a project in which you will research and present a piece of a historic person’s family history. The purpose of this project is to see that history is not just events in books but also a living thing that people experience. I will give examples and explain in further detail in class more information.

Objective

This extra credit opportunity will enable you to better understand how someone came into power and or how someone may have overcame many obstacles based on who their parents or relatives were. If you choose to fully dedicate yourself to this project, it will be interesting, rewarding, and you will learn information about a famous/historic person’s family history.

The project will have two phases, and in each phase, you will have options from which to choose.

# *Phase One: Written portion (choose one):* All options should be one-two pages in length (typed, double spaced, one inch margins, 12 point font). All options must include some information about that person’s family’s experience with some event that we have or will study in this class.

## Option A: A Brief family history

* + Through you researching information on that person’s family history, tell the story of that person’s family in one to two pages, in a narrative manner. Discuss how they came to into power, invented something that revolutionized the world, or any other significant thing that that person did or participate in, as well as what kind of life they lived wherever they and their family originated.

## Option B: Creative option

* + Using actual information and a bit of imagination, write a sketch of what life would have been like for a member of their family in the past. Describe when, where, and how they lived their life.

# *Phase Two: Visual portion (choose one):* All options should include visuals which will enhance the class’ understanding of that person’s family and should be of a high quality.

* *Option A: Illustrated Family Tree:*
  + Using pictures, images, and drawings, create a family tree which gives several generations worth of information about their family’s roots.
* *Option B: Family Scrapbook:*
  + Using pictures, letters, and artifacts, create a scrapbook of that family’s past. The farther back it goes, the better.
* *Option C: Country of Origin display*
  + Create a visual display that family’s country (or countries) of origin. Show maps, flags, photos, family crests, and whatever else you can find which will highlight that family’s homeland.

# For all 2 phases of the project, you are allowed to combine elements of the different options and create your own option.

# Grading

The points that you will receive will be based upon:

* 60% Written portion
* 40% Visual portion

# Dates

04/01: Project Introduced

04/13: Written portion due

4/14: Visual portion due