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Social Studies, 11 AP US History
Research Project
New York State Archives Student Research Competition

Date Assigned: Wednesday, February 27, 2013

First Draft Due: Tuesday, May 28, 2013

Final Due Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2013

This project is a multi-step one that will begin with a fieldtrip to the Cradle of Aviation Museum and Hofstra University Library Archives and culminate in a final post-AP Exam project that will enable you to qualify for a possible nomination for this year's New York State Archives Student Research Award. The award consists of a cash prize and certificate. The competition is intended to encourage students to explore the wealth of historical records found in archives, libraries, and other community organizations throughout New York State. I am able to nominate up to 5 entries—those that best meet the judging criteria established by the award committee. You will continue to revise your work as your post-AP Exam project. The final due date will be June 5 and it will count as a test grade in the 4th quarter.

Your first step is to create a group and select a topic. Though you are strongly encouraged to explore a topic related to either the Cradle of Aviation Museum or the archival collections at Hofstra, you are not limited to them. But you must get my approval for your ultimate research topic and group. You must relate your research to New York history. Exploration of a local issue and use of local records are most strongly encouraged. Archival records from the County Clerk's Office, town court documents, property deeds, census records, and other government-generated materials are excellent sources. The product of your research can take a variety of forms, including: a research paper; exhibit; documentary; theatrical performance; proposal for designation for historical marker, property, or district; website; powerpoint; prezi and other computer-based entries.

Procedure and Requirements for the project:

1. Students select groups and topic with teacher approval.
2. A substantial portion of the research must be based on historical records from archives, museums, historical societies, libraries, local governments, community organizations, businesses, families, or individuals. Historical records must not be published copies of documents; they must be original documents created at the time period on which the research is focused. The internet can be a source of records but not the exclusive one.
3. An annotated works cited is required.
4. Citations must be used.
5. Use the following website for official guidelines and entry forms: www.archives.nysed.gov and click on Education and click on Awards and click on Student Research Awards.
6. After the AP Exam in May, you will be given class time to research and create your project. You will present your initial draft to the class Tuesday, May 28-Thursday, May 30 and receive constructive feedback from me and your peers. Your final version is due to me on Wednesday, June 5 and it will count as a test grade in the 4th quarter. I will then make a selection of those projects to submit for the competition. The project is required; submission in the competition is limited to 5 entries.

Model Student Work

To view the state-wide winning entry from 2012, go to my T Drive and click on Shared and click on MittlerSommersSummers/Corruption and Reform in NY State. Enjoy!

To view another example of a winning entry, go to the following website:

http://www.archives.nysed.gov/projects/wwi/student_project.shtml