

**Maranatha School
History Fair
2010**

“In God We Trust!”

Student Name

Classroom

October 1, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

MAG Christian School's second annual History Fair is coming.. We are very excited about this year's theme: **"In God We Trust."** Students will learn how God has been an integral part of American history and how men and women of faith have shaped this great land.

Topic choices will be centered on what the students are learning in history class. Attached to this letter you will find a packet of information that will walk you through the entire process. Each class has its own criteria and suggestions for topics and projects, as well as a list of web sites to use.

Please note that there is a different time line for Levels 1 and 2/3 than for Level 4. Level 4 projects will be due Monday, November 9. At that time they will be graded and suggestions will be made on how they can "tweek" the project to improve their presentation. Levels 1 and 2/3 projects will be due Monday, November 23. All projects from all grade levels will be on display in our hallways the week of November 23.

Have fun with this project and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

7 Steps to the History Fair

Step 1: Understand the theme.

This year's theme for the History Fair is "In God We Trust." Students will show how God has played an important part in America's history and how He has been a part of the topics they choose.

Step 2: Choose a topic.

Choose a topic that is interesting and exciting to you. This year, topic suggestions have been made according to the area of history that students have been studying in school.

Step 3: Conduct research.

Level 4: 10 sources

Level 3: 8 sources

Level 2: 6 sources

Level 1: 3 sources

Choose sources from the internet, books, encyclopedias, interviews etc...Level 4 needs to include an Annotated Bibliography with their material. Students will be supplied information on writing an annotated bibliography.

Step 4: Choose a presentation format.

1. exhibit (level 1, 2, 3 & 4)
2. documentary (level 3 & 4)
3. historical paper (level 3 & 4)
4. web site (level 4)

See attached for detailed information on each.

History Fair Timeline

Level 1 and 2/3

Thursday, October 1, 2009	History Fair packets distributed
Wednesday, October 14, 2009	Progress Report 1 due
Friday, October 30, 2009	Progress Report 2 due
Friday, November 6, 2009	Progress Report 3 due
Monday, November 23, 2009	Project due

Level 4

Thursday, October 1, 2009	History Fair packets distributed
Friday, October 9, 2009	Progress Report 1 due
Wednesday, October 14, 2009	Progress Report 2 due
Friday, October 23, 2009	Progress Report 3 due
Monday, November 9, 2009	Project due

Step 5: Make a plan.

What historical question or questions did you start with? Are you able to answer your questions? What information do you want to include in your project. How are you going to present your information? Make an outline or a rough draft or a drawing.

Step 6: Prepare your presentation

Begin writing or creating your project.

Step 7: Complete your checklist.

See attached checklist

Project Category Explanations and Suggestions

1. Exhibit: (level 2, 3 & 4)

This is a visual presentation. Exhibits should be like a museum exhibit. Exhibits can include pictures, models, maps, books, clothing, letters, newspaper articles, etc...

Level (1)

Your visual presentation can be a story board, with pictures and maps.

2. Documentary: (Level 3 & 4)

Students will give a 10 minute presentation. They can use props, maps and pictures in their presentation.

(Level 1 & 2)

Students can build a diorama and give a presentation describing their diorama.

3. Historical Paper: (Level 3 & 4)

Level 4: Papers need to be at least 1500 words.

Level 3: Papers need to be at least 1000 words.

Level 1 History Fair Subject Area

1. Family
2. Community
3. State (Minnesota)
4. Early American History
5. Native Americans

Level 2/3 History Fair Subject Area

1. American History
2. Presidents
3. National events
4. National monuments
5. Famous people, settlers, patriots, explorers, Native Americans

Level 4 History Fair subject Area

1. Famous national figure
2. Colonization
3. Any war Americans have fought in – Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, and Desert Storm

* Research for all Level 4 projects must include reading a biography of some famous American who affected the event that is the subject of the project.

History Fair Project Progress Report 1

Name: _____

Level/Teacher: _____

1. The subject I have chosen:

2. What would I like to learn about my subject?

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

History Fair Project Progress Report 2

Name: _____

Level/Teacher: _____

1. The subject I have chosen:
2. The Project I have chosen to do:
3. List the resources you will be using

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

History Fair Project Progress Report 3

Name: _____

Level/Teacher: _____

1. The subject I have chosen:

2. The Project I have chosen to do:

3. Briefly describe how you will be working on your project and how you will answer your questions.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

History Fair Sources

Source Title: _____

Author/Publisher: _____

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