

Dear Parent:

In June, MS890 will be hosting its second Social Studies Fair. The fair will be used to showcase some of our students research projects. All students will be required to research, investigate, create, and present a Social Studies topic covered this year to their classmates. Two presenters from each class will be invited to present their research projects at the Social Studies Fair. All students will be required to demonstrate an understanding of the historical concepts by researching a topic of their choice. The topics must be part of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. Students have received a collection of handouts that outline the project.

The Social Studies Fair Project has two components, a graphic presentation, and an oral presentation. This project will require a maximum effort of your child, delay in keeping to the schedule will make it more difficult to complete.

Students will need access to a working computer with internet service. Your child will be able to use classroom computers for research. However, research will still need to be completed outside of the school day. Students who do not have access to a computer and internet service at home should use the public library to conduct their research outside of the school day.

If you have an questions please contact me at the school and I will return your call. Please sign and return the bottom portion to confirm that you are aware of the project and its timeline.

Sincerely,

Mr. Sixta

(Detach and Return to Class)

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## Social Studies Fair Notice 2018-2019

- **Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Class Number** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Social Studies Fair Project Topic** \_\_\_\_\_

# **Social Studies Department**

## **Topics for Social Studies Fair**

1. Geography of the Eastern Hemisphere
2. The First Humans
3. Lucy
4. The Neolithic Revolution
5. The development of ancient river valley civilizations
6. Ancient Egypt
7. Ancient Mesopotamia
8. Islam
9. Buddhism
10. Christianity
11. Judaism
12. Sikhism
13. Taoism
14. Confucianism
15. Ancient China (Qin Dynasty)
16. Ancient China (Han Dynasty)
17. The Silk Road
18. Ancient Greece
19. Greek Architecture and art
20. Greek Mythology and Religion
21. The Persian Wars
22. The Peloponnesian War

23. Alexander the Great

24. Ancient Rome

25. Roman Republic

26. Roman Empire

27. Roman Art and Architecture

28. Fall of Rome

29. Byzantine Empire

30. The Crusades

31. The Mongols

# **Social Studies Fair Project**

## **Procedure**

Please follow this procedure as you complete your Social Studies Fair Project. These tips will help you successfully complete all the components of this project.

1. Choose a topic from the list. If you decide on a topic that is not on the list, you must get approval from Mr. Sixta.
2. Next, preview your topic on the internet
3. As you preview, come up with 3 possible research questions about the topic
4. Now begin your research.
5. Remember, as you research your topic, you will want to adjust your research questions.
6. Collect the documents for the graphic and oral presentations as you outline and organize your project.
7. Use your free time to conference with your teacher.

# SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR PROJECT INFO

## 1. Research

- a. Most have 5 separate sources of information.
  - i. You can use any of the following sources for your information
    1. Encyclopedia
    2. Books
    3. Magazines
    4. Newspapers
    5. Internet
    6. Personal Narratives
- b. For each source you find, record the following information:
  - i. Title, author or authors, date of publication, and city of publication.
    1. This information will be used for your bibliography.

2.

## 3. Organize Ideas

- a. Take notes from your sources
- b. Write an outline

4.

## 5. Include the following in your outline

- a. **Introduction**
    - i. State your question
  - b. **Body**
    - i. Organize your information in a logical sequence
    - ii. Information should answer your research question
  - c. **Conclusion**
    - i. Restate your research question
    - ii. Make conclusions about your research question
- 6.

## 7. Graphic Presentations

- a. All presentations must be completed on Google Slides, Prezi, or Sway
- b. You must have all of your questions stated
- c. Your Display must have graphics (ex: pictures, maps, graphs, charts)
  - i. Graphics must support your topic
  - ii. Graphics must be organized in a logical sequence
- d. Types of graphic components:
  - i. Pictures
  - ii. Paintings
  - iii. Drawings
  - iv. Maps
  - v. Timelines
  - vi. Graphs
  - vii. Charts
  - viii. Anything Visual connected to your topic, and research