

THE BIG FIFTH GRADE STATE RESEARCH PROJECT



The state research project will consist of four parts. All four parts are outlined below. Please keep all of your research materials, notes, and this packet in the folder provided. **This Assignment is Due Tuesday January 31, 2017.**

Introduction

Imagine that you were the winner on an incredibly popular game show. Your grand prize was enough money to go on a weeklong dream vacation within the United States. Where would you go? What do you know about the place where you will visit or the United States of America? Over the next few weeks you are going to pick a state to research, write an essay and create a project to share with your class.

Part 1 Research & Bibliography

1. Choose a State and fill in the "Facts at a Glance" table with the most up-to-date information possible.
2. Gather your resources for your research paper (5+ paragraph report). You must have a minimum of 3 varied resources of the following: 1+ books, 1 encyclopedia excerpt, 1+ internet source. (This can be done at school and home)
3. Make note-cards from resources. Submit a bibliography (include your bibliography in final report). State information can be found at www.50states.com or culture grams on Utah's Online Library.

Part 2 Writing your Report

1. Complete an outline for the report

5 Paragraph Essay Written 5 paragraph report.

1. Introduction
2. What is an interesting place to visit? What can you do there? Is there any interesting history associated with the place?
3. What is an event in the history for your state that you find interesting? Tell about it. Why is it important to your state?
4. Tell about a famous person from your state.
5. Conclusion

Requirements for Written Essay:

A 5 paragraph typed essay

A bibliography (you must have 3 sources, at least one book and website)

Notes

Complete the project

Part 3 (Extra Credit) Calculating your Travel Cost

Think about all the costs associated with traveling- food, lodging, transportation, and entertainment. It is estimated that travelers spend \$30.00 to 45.00 dollars per day just on food. How much will your round trip airplane ticket cost? What will your lodging cost be per day? Are you renting a car or flying? What is that cost per day and what attractions are you planning on visiting? Gather the information and include it in your presentation.

Part 4 Presenting your Research

You will make a presentation following the teacher template that covers the major sections of your written report and includes facts from "Facts at a Glance" page.

Facts at a Glance part 1

BY _____

** Name of State	
** Date Entered Statehood and Number	
** State Abbreviation	
** State Capital	
** State Nickname	
State Population	
State Song	
State Bird	
State Flower	
Major Sports Teams	
State Attraction/ Things to do	1.
State Attraction/ Things to do	2.
Famous Person from your State	1.
Famous Person from your State	2.

** This must be included in your report

Circle the state attraction and famous person that you choose to include in your report.