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Aspiring Historian Project Rubric

	5 Advanced	4 Proficient	3-1 Developing	0 Not Included
Thesis Statement and Focus	*Exceptionally clear, focused, interesting thesis. *The writer's central purpose or argument is readily apparent to the reader.	Clear thesis which maintains a consistent focus from beginning to end.	*Contains thesis but with inconsistent focus. *The central purpose or argument is not consistently clear throughout the paper.	*Thesis lacks clarity and focus. *Argument or claim is unclear.
Use of Primary and Secondary Sources	*Primary and Secondary sources connect topic to theme. *Primary and Secondary sources support the thesis. *Sources are all credible. *Many primary sources are included. *Uses secondary sources to identify key people, events, and ideas of the time.	*Sources connect topic to theme. *Sources support the thesis. *Most sources are credible. *Some primary sources are used. *Uses some secondary sources to identify key people, events, and ideas of the time.	*Sources connect topic to theme. *Sources support the thesis. *Only some sources are credible. *Minimal primary sources are used. *Uses minimal secondary sources to identify key people, events, and ideas of the time.	There are no primary or secondary sources included.
Historical Accuracy and Explanation	*All historical facts and details are summarized accurately without losing important details. *Presents understanding of events with 100% accuracy.	*Most historical facts and details are summarized accurately. *Presents understanding of events in correct chronological order with close to 100% accuracy.	*Many historical facts and details are summarized incorrectly. *Understanding of events has many errors in historical and chronological accuracy.	*Presentation is not historically or chronologically accurate. *Minimal explanation of events.
Research is Balanced	*Presents many perspectives to support or contradict the argument. *A wide variety of source types are included (Websites, documentaries, books, newspapers, interviews, etc.)	*Presents some varying perspectives to support or contradict the argument. *A variety of source types are used.	*Presents a few different perspectives to support or contradict the argument. *Minimal variety of sources.	*No documentation of research is included with the project.

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Historical Significance to Centre County	*The project clearly explains how the topic was significant in history by providing evidence of the continued impact it has had on the community, nation, or world.	*The project attempts to explain how the topic was significant in history but provides minimal significant convincing evidence.	*The project attempts to explain how the topic was significant in history but fails to provide supporting evidence.	*The project does not address the historical significance of the topic.

Written Materials **(Spelling, Grammar, Format)**	*All written pieces (Includes title page and bibliography) are completed with minimal spelling or grammatical errors. *Writing is organized in a logical easy to follow order with clear transitions. *Times New Roman 12 Point Font, Double Spaced.	*Written pieces contain some spelling and grammatical errors. *Writing is mostly easy to follow and includes transitions.	*Written pieces contain many spelling and grammatical errors. *Writing is at times hard to follow and includes transitions.	*No writing is included.
Visual Impact (for Website or Documentary)	*Uses a visual theme, layout, and presentation style in a creative way to go above and beyond to catch the audience's attention. *Uses many media sources.	*Uses a visual theme, layout, but does not go above and beyond to catch the audience's attention. *Uses many media sources.	*Project has a visual theme and layout. *Some media sources are used.	*Project does not have a clear theme or layout. No media sources are used.
Process Paper (website)	*The process paper in excellent detail answers the following four questions: How you chose your topic, how you conducted your research, how you selected your category and created your project, and how your project relates to the theme. *11 or 12 pt. Arial or Times, Double spaced.	*The process paper responds to all four questions, but does with only satisfactory detail.	*The process paper responds to at least three of the four questions. *Process paper responds with minimal or inaccurate detail. *Process paper includes false or incorrect information.	*The process paper fails to respond to most of the four questions.
Bibliography	*Correctly cites all sources in MLA or Chicago format. *Correctly separates all primary and secondary sources. *Sources are listed in alphabetical order.	*Mostly correct MLA or Chicago format used. *Correctly separates all primary and secondary sources.	*Many errors in citation format *Primary and secondary sources either not separated or incorrectly separated.	*No bibliography included.

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