Patriot Project

Due:

Step 1: Decide on a famous Patriot who you find fascinating or would like to know more about.

Choice: ____________________________________________

Step 2: Research & Writing

You will begin researching your chosen person. You may use books, websites, magazines, encyclopedias or any other appropriate source. **You will need to use at least 4 sources for your research.** Your sources must include at least 2 different primary sources and 2 different secondary sources. (Primary sources include interviews, letters, diaries, newspapers, and personal narratives. Secondary sources include reference books, periodicals, the Internet, and biographies.) It is important that you “cite” all of your sources using MLA format which will be taught in class.

What to research and write about…

In a well-written paragraph introduce the Patriot and preview what is to follow. (1 paragraph) 15

- Begin with a hook
- Give historical background information related to the revolution
- Make a judgment about your Patriot: Is your Patriot an American hero?

In a well-written paragraph describe the early life of your person. (1 paragraph) 20

- Date of birth, where/when
- Family
- Education/How did your character prepare for his or her future?

In a well-written paragraph tell about the work Patriot did. (1 paragraph) 20

- Describe what his or her argument for independence was.
- What was his or her role during the American Revolution?
- Tell why his/her work or contribution was important.

In a well-written paragraph identify two primary sources related to your Patriot. (1 paragraph) 20

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- Share observations and details about each primary source.
- Reflect on what we can learn about your Patriot from these artifacts.

In a well-written closing paragraph: What should we all remember about your person? (1 paragraph) 15

- Restate your thesis.
- Tell what was most impressive/inspiring about your Patriot?
- How would our lives be different without their contribution to independence?
- End with a powerful statement that connects to your conclusion

Correct spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar must be used.

Bibliography: 4 or more sources cited in correct format. 10
Step 3: Complete a poster board to display primary and secondary sources.
Poster boards will be provided and must include the following:
- Name and picture of the Patriot 10
- 2 or more primary sources 10
- 1-2 well written, informative summary sentences for each primary source 10
- 2 or more secondary sources 10
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- Map showing where the individual had a major impact in Revolutionary times 5
- A summary sentence explaining how the map relates to Patriot 5
- Famous quote made by the individual 5
- Board must be neat and have little white space 5

(All displays may be copied, drawn, or printed out from the computer.)

Step 4: Presentation: Recite a short speech from the point of view of the Patriot, telling who you are and explaining your contributions to the Patriot cause during the American Revolution.
- Speech lasts for at least ½ a minute 10
- Appropriate eye contact 10
- Adequate volume 10
- Clear pronunciation 10
- Minimal use of index cards and poster board

Total Points: 200

EXTRA CREDIT: 10 Points Possible
The 6th grade will hold an evening presentation for parents and families on Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. Students who attend and present their short speech to visitors will earn 5 bonus points. Students who dress in costume according to their assigned Patriot will earn an additional 5 points.

All work for the report and poster board will be completed in school. However, students may gather extra information from research outside of school to be used in class. Please sign below to indicate that you have received this project and are aware of its requirements and return it to your social studies teacher.

__________________________________  __________________________________
Student Signature                        Parent Signature

Please also indicate below if you are planning on earning bonus points for this project.

__________ Yes, I will attend the presentation night and present a short speech to visitors.

__________ Yes, I will dress in costume according to my assigned Patriot on presentation night.