1. Topic: Some diseases are transmitted from animals to humans. One of these diseases is the Plague (Black Death, Bubonic Plague) which you have studied and written about in Social Studies this year.

Each student will research one of the following diseases and write a paper comparing and contrasting that disease to the Plague.

- Hantavirus Infection
- Hemorrhagic Fevers (Ebola & Marburg)
- Lyme Disease
- Rabies
- Smallpox

2. Students will use articles, books, and the Internet to do research for this project.

3. The paper must be a minimum of 2 pages typed (double spaced) and a Works Cited Page attached at the end. You need 3 sources: 1 for the Plague and 2 for your specific disease.

4. Students will be given instruction in note-taking, MLA source citation, avoiding plagiarism including the consequences of plagiarism, and using library databases. You will also be given a graphic organizer, research time in the library and classroom instruction. However, work WILL have to be done at home too!
OUTLINE OF THE RESEARCH PAPER

Paragraph 1: Introduction which must include a HOOK, Background Information and a Thesis Statement.

Paragraph 2: Plague - Students must use at least 2 direct quotes from your sources and will use parenthetical citation - a fancy way of saying cite the article in parentheses. Example (Johnson 17).

Plague Information must include:
- Description
- Symptoms
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Prevention

Paragraph 3: Your disease - you must use at least 2 direct quotes from your sources and use parenthetical citation - a fancy way of saying cite the article in parentheses. Example (Johnson 17).

Other Disease Information must include:
- Description
- Symptoms
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Prevention

Paragraph 4: Similarities of both diseases citing text evidence

Paragraph 5: Differences between the 2 diseases

Paragraph 6: Conclusion of the paper