

State Report

Students have chosen a state that interests them for a formal research project. Students will have the opportunity to work on their projects one day a week in class, but will be expected to do a portion of the work at home. Students should have a separate folder designated for their State report to keep track of their notes, printed copies, and references.

Reports must be typed. Neatness counts! Reports directly downloaded from the Internet will not be accepted. Information from references must be expressed in students' own words. Information from computer references should be cited as references. Students must cite at least 4 references, one of which must be a library book. We will be going to the library as a class. Acceptable references are encyclopedias, magazines, brochures, books and on-line references.

State reports are expected to be at least 20 pages in length, which includes illustrations, pictures, post-cards, maps, and graphs. Reports should follow the outline given with this paper. Everything that should go in the report is on that outline. There are due dates for each part of the report and we will discuss each part in class. Due dates are given below.

Upon completing their report the students are responsible for constructing a detailed poster in the shape of your state, which I will help them with in class. Posters should be a collage of pictures, illustrations and facts about their state. Students will be giving a presentation on their state with their boards. Presentations should be prepared ahead of time. Students may use index cards for their speech, but **may not** read their written report. They also need to come up with a game for their state that the other grades will play at our State Faire. They should be thinking about a game that goes well with their state as they are doing their research.

Due Dates

Signed report instruction paper – 2/26/10
Letter/email to state department – 2/26/10
Bibliography and Note cards – 4/26/10
Final paper – 5/14/10
Poster boards/presentations – 5/28/10
State Fair – 6/10/10

Supplies you will need:

3x5 or 4x6 note cards (about 100)
Folder for notes
Pencils and pens
Poster board
Markers
Glue
Color pencils
Folder/binder for final report (Book report size)

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____