

Social Studies Fair 8th Grade Instructions

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- 1 No group projects.
- 2 Topic Selection
 - 2.1 Make sure you select a topic that lends itself to making the items required on the Social Studies Fair Display Rubric.
 - 2.1.1 Chart
 - 2.1.2 Graph
 - 2.1.3 Timeline
 - 2.1.4 Picture with caption
 - 2.1.5 Map with legend
 - 2.1.6 Pithy quote
 - 2.1.7 Interesting fact
 - 2.1.8 Fits under a grade-level expectation
 - 2.1.9 Fits in one of the categories
 - 2.1.9.1 The Six Categories
 - Anthropology
 - Ancient civilizations, Native Americans, customs, festivals, types of shelter and food, religion, etc.
 - Economics
 - Money, manufacturing, trade, transportation of goods and services, communication, inflation, stock exchange, common market, government budgets, etc.
 - Geography
 - Ecology, foreign countries, lands and people, maps, flooding, rivers, lakes, cities, conservation, etc.
 - History
 - Story of mankind, historical events, places, biographies, personalities, wars, etc.
 - Political Science
 - Government agencies, FBI, crime, U.S. Constitution, courts system, international governments, etc.
 - Sociology
 - Families, crime, mental health, propaganda, life styles, dreams, television, media, etc.
 - 2.1.10 Topics to avoid
 - 2.1.10.1 Sports-related topics
 - 2.1.10.1.1 Sport-related topics look fun at first but are often frustrating to the student.
 - 2.1.10.2 Recent pop culture

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- 2.1.10.2.1 Like sports topics, this looks like fun until you try to do the research and the project.
- 2.1.10.3 New topics
 - 2.1.10.3.1 Unless your new topic has a lot of media coverage you may find it hard to do the research.
 - 2.1.10.3.2 Ongoing topics are difficult because new information may make your work obsolete before the Social Studies Fair.
- 3 Due Dates
 - 3.1 Your topic and category is due on 02 September 2008
 - 3.2 The Research Paper is due 30 October 2008
 - 3.2.1 YOU MUST SUBMIT TWO COPIES OF YOUR RESEARCH PAPER on the last Thursday of October. One copy will be submitted to your English teacher and another copy to your Social Studies Teacher.
 - 3.3 The Social Studies Fair Display and Oral Presentation are due on Tuesday, 13 January 2009.