

Magazine Magic

You will be assigned groups and will create a magazine giving information on different topics of Civics and Economics. This assignment is worth 60 project points. Your fellow groupies will be grading you, so make sure you each pull your own weight. This will factor into the 60 points. Following you will find what is necessary in your magazine.

Title: A good title for the magazine is clever and yet captures the essence of the era or theme.

Cover: A colorful, aesthetically pleasing cover which mirrors the look and language of a magazine.

Table of Contents with Descriptors: Original titles followed by page numbers which accurately correspond to the sequence of assignments; descriptors must be concisely written, grab the reader's attention and yet relate to the main points of the assignment.

Interview with Character Associated with Era/Theme: Minimum 15 questions. Pick someone from the era (remember, the person has to be connected to Civics and Economics), then research his/her accomplishments and the life and times of the era. In essence, you are a reporter, so write out the question followed by the character's response. Excellent interviews are creative and blend accurate facts with character descriptions and reactions reflective of the person and era.

Editorial about a Major Issue: The main purpose of an editorial is to take a stand on an important issue in order to persuade the readers to that viewpoint. It should be a logically reasoned piece of writing, usually starting with a clearly stated opinion and then supported with factual evidence.

Color Illustrations: Artwork should be original drawings or graphic and computer reproductions. It has to relate to and enhance the text and be neatly and colorfully produced. If the artwork is not original, it needs to be given credit and cited.

Full Page Advertisement: The ads need to reflect the language, interests, and beliefs of the era/theme and should model the style of an advertisement. Illustrations need to accompany the message.

Map and Related Article: Write an article about a major topic and have a map with it. Many map articles concern battles, discoveries, famous geographic or historical sites, the spread of ideas, etc. The article and map need to be cited and the map neatly and completely produced.

Movie Poster: The poster should have a short teaser written on it, a cast of characters with descriptors and an intriguing graphic or picture to interest the audience. The poster

should fit neatly into the magazine. This needs to be totally original work: NO REAL MOVIES.

Article with Graph: Write a factual article that uses at least one line graph, pie chart or histogram. Make sure your information is accurate and the graphic aligns with the information properly.

Stock Article: Pick a stock and research it. Write an article that describes the stock, its history and predictions as to its future. Compare the health of this stock to at least three others. This article is an analysis and should have a spread sheet attached to emphasize the information.

Puzzle and Key: Use vocabulary words and create a puzzle with an accurate key. Word searches are not allowed, they are too simple.

Political Cartoon: It has to be original. Using a specific target, few words, clever wordplay, and cartoon drawings are necessary to create a Political Cartoon. Remember, you are making a statement.

Researched Article of your choice: Any topic which relates to the era/theme. Go beyond the internet or encyclopedias. Take careful notes, and paraphrase and/or use direct quotes accurately and carefully. Give credit to your sources, use the APA parenthetical documentation style with Works Cited and Works Consulted. Ask your English teacher about this if they haven't already started teaching this.

Works Cited/Works Consulted: APA format required. You may find that format very easily online, or from your English Teacher.

**MAGAZINE MAGIC
EVALUATION REPORT CARD**

Name: _____

Research Skills: Depth of research
(information clearly beyond text and
public domain information)

Integrated use of sources (more than one
source used on majority of articles)

Correct citing's process in graphics and
writings

Research cited when appropriate

Correct works cited and works consulted

Writing Skills: Writing sophistication
(sentence variety, smooth transitions,
extended vocabulary, voice.)

Punctuation/spelling/usage

Clear evidence of careful proofing/editing

Presentation:

Completeness/thoroughness of
assignment

Attention to balance of graphics/writings

Aesthetics

Organization

Creativity:

Uniqueness/originality (things which
make this magazine special and different)

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