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**Multimodal Research Project**

***You do not need to know the answer to every question you have.***

***However, you do need to know how to find the answer.***

***This is what RESEARCH is about.***

**Essential Question:** Can information be trusted?

**Assignment Background**: The Internet has changed the nature of research. As a student today, you have access to endless amounts of information. How do you choose what information to use? How do you analyze those resources? How can you use technology and information responsibly and meet the expectations for academic honesty? To answer these questions, you are going to compose and share a **digital** (uses a computer) **multimodal** (includes images, text, music, and sound) research project using Noodle Tools, a school iPAD and iMovie software.

**Assignment Objectives:**

1. Conduct research based on focused questions.
2. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources.
3. Assess the credibility and accuracy of each source.
4. Quote and paraphrase the information and ideas of others while avoiding plagiarism.
5. Experiment with a range of technical tools to improve your skill and flexibility as writers in the 21st Century.
6. Integrate multimedia components (graphics, photographs, videos, music, sound effects, voice-overs) with other information in a digital text to clarify information, enhance understanding, and engage and hold the attention of your audience.
7. Share your research with an audience using appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation.

**Audience:** Your audience is your classmates and your teacher.

**Purpose**: Your purpose is to gather relevant, accurate, and credible information from reliable sources on a topic of your choice. You must present the information you gather in your own words and choose images and sound effects to complement your script.

**Choosing a Topic:** To choose a topic, you will answer the question: What are you curious about? You are to choose a topic from this year’s ELA, Social Studies or Science curriculum that you want to know more about. *Your topics must be approved before you begin working*.

**Presenting Your Information**: You are to compose an iMovie that you will “voice over” using a script that you write. The “voice over” will include accurate facts that answer your questions about your topic. You will choose images and sounds that match your script and enhance the understanding of your topic. You also need to create a bibliography slide that lists the sources you used for your script and visuals.

**Sources:** You will have to use at least three different sources of information. Your sources must include: Online Encyclopedia, Online Article, and Website. You may only access the encyclopedia and onlines article through the CPS Library databases.

**Research Tools:** We will be using Noodle Tools to keep track of your sources and take notes. All of your note taking will be done electronically. You can access Noodle Tools from home**.**

**1. In order to create a Noodle Tools account, you need to follow the directions on the Noodle Tools link on my classroom website. Once you set up your account, you can bookmark it on your computer. 2. To register, you need our school USER NAME: Cohassetlib12 and PASSWORD: Cohassetlib12.**

**3. You will create your own USER NAME and PASSWORD. Please write them below and keep them stored on your phone or in your agenda so you don’t forget them.**

**My Noodle Tools USER NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Procedure:**

**Day 1 SELECTING A TOPIC:**

Partner assignments

Topic Brainstorm – What are you curious about?

Gather questions to guide your research.

Highlight keywords in questions that can be used to search for information about your topic.

**Homework**: Check out last year’s movies.

**Day 2 FINDING AND EVALUATING SOURCES**

Review Multimodal Research Project Assignment Sheet

Review the types of sources you need

**Homework**: Complete Topic Approval Form

Day 3 **What is plagiarism and how can I avoid it?**

Researching - Literature Book – pgs. 959-963

**Homework:** Create Noodle Tools account and watch Noodle Tools tutorial online.

Day 4 **CREATE NOODLE TOOLS ACCOUNT AND START RESEARCH**

Days **FINDING SOURCES AND TAKING NOTES**

5-7 Navigating relevant internet sites

Choosing reliable sources

Evaluating information based on currency, author credibility, relevance, and reliability

Direct quotes and paraphrasing

Keeping track of sources for bibliography

Days **WRITING iMovie SCRIPTS and CREATING STORYBOARDS**

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Day 10Finding images to match the script

Day 11 Adding music/theme

Day 12 Voice-Overs

Day 13 Adding subtitles and graphics

Day 14 How to create a Bibliography Slide

Day 15 Polishing

Day 16 Presenting

Day 17 Academy Awards