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History Fair Schedule

September:

- * Introduce history fair. Show tape from CMHEC. Discuss format options and requirements for project.
- * Take students to school library to browse for history fair topics.
- * Have students pick partners (if they wish). Students submit proposals for several topics. After individual discussions between students and teacher, a final topic is chosen.

October:

- * Train students to make note cards and bibliography cards (using MLA format). Teach them to annotate on back of bibliography cards. Also have them set up a folder for visuals.
- * Students turn in 10-20 note cards each week. Emphasize use of secondary sources in the first 2-3 weeks.
- * Discuss primary sources. Require note cards from primary sources beginning around the 3rd-4th week of research.
- * Take students on field trip to Harold Washington Library for research by the end of October.

November:

- * Continue collecting note cards each week. Emphasize importance of visuals.
- * By early November, have students submit a preliminary thesis. Discuss and the purpose and format of a thesis statement in class.
- * Require two field experiences. These may be visits to research libraries, museums, or best of all interviews.

December:

- * Students turn in detailed outline and revised thesis statements. These are carefully edited and returned to students for revision.
- * Begin one on one conferences between students and teacher.
- * Begin design plans for display boards and storyboards for documentaries. Collect and edit rough drafts of papers. Also require rough drafts of summary statement forms and annotated bibliography.
- * Provide Saturday sessions and/or days over winter break for assistance on design and layout of projects.

January:

- * All projects due the week before finals. All projects judged by 2-3 teachers. A public showing is arranged for parents/student body/other teachers and staff/administrators.
- * Announce those advancing to regionals. Begin revisions based on judging feedback.

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