

Project REACH

Overview

REACH stands for Respecting Ethnic And Cultural Heritage. For this long-term project, you will create a board that presents information about your family history and/or ethnic/cultural heritage. You will have some class time for research and forming ideas, but most of the work will be done at home. The board will be on display during the Project REACH Fair on March 17th, 2005. **Your project is due when you give your presentation March 14 – 16, 2005.**

Topic Choice Options

1. **Family History**- present information about an important aspect of your family's history. Also, you may focus your board to be a celebration of a family member.
2. **Country of Origin**- present information about your family's connection to another country. Be sure to highlight how the country connects strongly to your life.
3. **Cultural/Ethnic Group**- present information about an important aspect of your cultural or ethnic group. Again, be sure to show how you are connected to and what role it has had in your life.
4. **A Family business**- present information about a family business either from the past or present.
5. **A Family hobby**- present information about an important hobby practiced by your family for at least three generations.

Project Components

The Board (100 Points)

The requirements for the board are described in detail on the REACH Board Scoring Sheet, which is attached to this document

Extra Credit Option – Displaying Items and Clothing at the Reach Fair

You can receive extra credit for displaying additional items during the Reach Fair, such as food you prepared, important item, or clothing that relates to your topic. Each item should include a caption (follow guidelines as described above). In order to receive extra credit, you must turn in a paragraph identifying your extra credit items and explaining how they enhance your project. Paragraph must be signed by a parent or guardian. **Please do not display any item that would be devastating to you or your family if lost or stolen.** You may receive up to 20 bonus points depending on level of effort and quality.

Work Log (10 Points)

Keep track of all the time you spend at home working on your REACH project. Fill out the log provided by your teacher completely and honestly, and make sure to have a parent sign each entry.

Rough Drafts (10 Points Each)

You will complete three rough drafts of your design before you do the final board. These will be explained to you throughout the coming months.

Oral Presentation (20 Points)

During the week before the REACH fair, you will give a presentation about your board in your social studies and/or language arts class. Your presentation should include the following information:

1. Define your topic.
2. Why you picked the topic.
3. How you researched the topic and/or gathered materials for it.
4. What items you have included on your board.
5. What you learned about your family, heritage, and yourself.

Length: Your presentation should be approximately 3 minutes long.

Answering Questions at the REACH Fair (10 Points)

During the REACH fair, you will be expected to stay with your board for much of the night to answer questions. You will be expected to answer at least 20 questions from passers-by such as parents, teachers, or other visitors to the fair but not other students. You will have a form to have each person initial that you answered a question for them.

Reflective Paper (20 Points)

You will write a short paper reflecting on the final product and the process you went through to create it. Your teacher will give you more information closer to the due date.

1. The paper should address the following question: “What are the most important lessons/experiences you will remember from Project REACH?”
2. Length requirement
 - a. The paper should be between three to five paragraphs long.
 - b. Each paragraph should be five to nine sentences long.
3. The paper will be assessed on Ideas and Content & Voice.

Important Dates

Write these dates in your planner and on a calendar at home!

Assignment	Due Date	Points
Topic selection paragraph	January 19	/ 10
First draft of board (organization of content)	February 2	/ 10
Second draft of board (visual design)	February 16	/ 10
Third draft (narrative and captions)	March 2	/ 10
Class Presentation	March 14 – 16	/ 20
REACH Board		/ 100
REACH Fair 20 questions	March 17	/ 10
Work Log	Varies by Team	/ 10
Reflective paper	Varies by Team	/ 20