Socials Studies Research Project

For this project you will need to select a problem or issue that is important to you. Grade 5’s your problem should be one that is seen in school (ex. bullying), in the community (ex. homelessness), or national problem (ex. Pipelines). Grade 6’s your problem should be global (ex. Child poverty). You will need to complete some research and create a presentation. Your presentation should include the following:

1. WHO – Who does the problem affect? What would 2 different points of view be on the issue and why would they have different opinions?
2. WHAT – What is the issue?
3. WHERE – What level does it affect (school, community, national, global) and where is it happening?
4. WHEN – Is this a new issue or has it been going on for a while?
5. WHY – Why is this issue important?
6. HOW – How can we help or what can we do to fix it? This is where you put in what your plan of action would be?

**Grade 5 Suggested Topics**

1. First Nations
2. Resources (oil, gas, logging, etc.) - How technology has affected the discovery, extraction, processing, and marketing of selected natural resources
3. Transportation (building new roads, tolling bridges, exhaust from trucks, oil spills from boats, ferries)
4. Sustainability (ex. using non – sustainable resources)
5. Environmental effects of creating communities

**Grade 6 Suggested Topics**

1. Our rights compared with those from another country
2. Communication technologies on Canadians and the rest of the world (ex. Social media, plugging in etc.)
3. Consumer choices affecting others in the world (ex. Child labour)
4. Quality of Life in Canada vs. Another country
5. Farming being affected by technology

You may also choose your own topic but it must be approved by Ms. Stefanyshyn. You will create your presentation using Prezi. Here is the order of what you will need to hand in.

1. An outline of what your project will be with credible worksheet. – Due April 17, 2013
2. A notes page. – April 30, 2013
3. Your final presentation with a bibliography. – Due May 28, 1013

Project Rationale

1. I have chosen the following topic:
2. This issue affects (Local, global etc. and who exactly):
3. This issue is important because:
4. My 2 points of view will be:

Why?

1. Resources I plan to use are (give me a list of websites):

Choose 1 of the above sites and complete this worksheet.

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Web Site Evaluation Rubric Modified from “Web Evaluation for Intermediate Grades” developed by Tammy Payton. Original rubric can be found at http://www.siec.k12.in.us/~west/edu/rubric2.htm

Name of Site:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

URL:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Site (personal website, organization’s website, government website, company’s website, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Site (to give information to help you learn, to try to sell you something, to try to change your opinion about something, etc.):

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Rate the website in the following areas using this scale: 1- Horrible 2- Poor 3- OK 4- Good 5- Excellent

**Design of Website**

Looks official (no spelling mistakes, clear format, good graphics) 1 2 3 4 5

Moves from page to page easily 1 2 3 4 5

**Content:**

Are there facts on the page that you were looking for? 1 2 3 4 5

Links to other websites are useful 1 2 3 4 5

Information is useful 1 2 3 4 5

**Technical Elements:**

All the links to other sites work 1 2 3 4 5

Page loads quickly 1 2 3 4 5

**Credibility:**

Author’s name and email address are given 1 2 3 4 5

Name of the organization sponsoring the page is given 1 2 3 4 5

Gives a recent date for the last time the page was updated 1 2 3 4 5

Your score: /50

Using the score that the website earned, and thinking about the type and purpose of the site, write a short reflection about why or why not this website is one on which you can find true information.