

Free Form Map Project Instructions

Assignment: The purpose of this assignment is to create a visual representation of the key content for a unit. The items represented can span the entire timeline of the unit/concept. Free Form maps force students to develop a sophisticated understanding of the content. Visual representations force students to read for “meaning” and identify the subtleties and nuances of any concept. Thus, the student will have a deep understanding of the material and be able to recreate the content in a visual format.

Procedure: All items on the list must be submitted with the final project!

- 1) Create a list of the 25 most important events, people, etc for the concept & *obtain teacher approval of the 25 items if required*
- 2) Narrow the list of 25 items to the 15 most important items, events, people, etc.
- 3) Narrow the list of 15 items to the 10 most important & obtain teacher approval of the 10 items
- 4) Rank the items from 1 – 10 (1 being the most important and 10 the least)
- 5) Write an explanation of your Final 10 items. Explain the historical significance of each item. Why is it important? Why is it more important than the items that you removed from your list of 25? Or the list of 15? These written explanations should a minimum of 5 sentences (one paragraph per item). You must explain why you selected each item that is on your free form map and how that item contributes to the meaning/content for each concept. You will end up with 10 separate paragraphs.
- 6) Create a rough sketch of your poster on a blank 8.5” x 11” piece of paper
- 7) Use blank white copy paper (8.5” x 11”) to create the Final Free Form Map. You may use larger paper if you desire. You will be submitting a scan of all of your documents. You will have to provide your own tools for coloring/completing the Poste

All of the individual pieces must be submitted when the assignment is turned in:

1. List of 25 items
2. List of 15 items
3. List of 10 ranked items
4. written explanations
5. rough sketch of the poster
6. and the final poster itself.