

## Honors Designation Standards & Project Outline

**Objective:** Students will model academic excellence by connecting real world learning beyond the classroom and engaging higher order thinking by sharing knowledge with others.

### Demonstrate learning by completing ALL 5 of the following projects:

\_\_\_\_(5)**Research/Reading Component** –Read a book (or number of books), novel, biography or conduct research using educational sources to learn more about an author, time period, or idea related to your topic. Using OSLIS is a great choice. Set up an appointment with our librarian, Mr. Armstrong for a tutorial on this database.

\_\_\_\_(5)**Demonstrate Learning** – Demonstrate what you have learned through your research by presenting your synthesis/analysis to the class. ***A written copy of your presentation must be turned into Mrs. Greblo. Your presentation must appeal to at least three senses and be at least 8 minutes in length.*** You **MUST** present on the day Mrs. Greblo has assigned.

Suggested activities include:

- \* Speech (I highly suggest you use PowerPoint to illustrate and guide your presentation.)
- \* Teach a lesson (A great option if you want to become a teacher. I can help you plan this!)

\_\_\_\_(5)**Creative** – Turn your learning into a **creative enrichment** activity for the class.

Suggested activities include:

- \* Create a newscast from the time period or event you studied
- \* Create your own short film or documentary
- \* Create and teach a short lesson
- \* Give a dramatic performance
- \* Compose original music
- \* Dance
- \* Create art
- \* Create a cartoon or satire

\_\_\_\_(5)**Enrichment Experience:** See form. There is a write-up, don't forget!

\_\_\_\_(5)**Writing Suggestions:**

- \* Create a newspaper
- \* Write a graphic novel/comic book
- \* Write a book of poems
- \* Write a series of editorials/essays
- \* Write short stories
- \* Write a play
- \* Write/engage in a mock debate
- \* Create a usable website
- \* Create a blog w/ @ least 5 entries

**Total Points: 5 projects, 5 points each (graded w/ the 5 point balanced grading scale)**

## Response to Enrichment Activity

### What counts as an enrichment activity?

This covers a wide variety of events. What is best is an event that is related to some aspect of the curriculum in the class. Try to attend those that stretch your knowledge or experience and are not just an exact repeat of a previous experience. Suggestions include but are not limited to: guest lectures, plays, musicals, dance performances music events (unique concerts/music), live performances of talent, film festivals, art shows, museums, exhibits, and unique cultural events. You may also listen to NPR/OPB's (91.5FM, <http://www.opb.org/radio/>) critically acclaimed radio shows—This American Life, Prairie Home Companion, The Moth, Think Out Loud, Fresh Air, All Things Considered, Car Talk, and so forth. Check with your teacher if you have any questions.

### What do I need to verify attendance?

Retain and attach the program, ticket stub (receipt) or note from parent, and, if applicable the media advertisement.

### What is in the write-up?

- Give the details of the event- 5Ws&H: who, what when, where, why, & how
- Write what your expectations were and to what extent they were realized by the event.
- Comment on the location and staging, the audience composition and reactions. Share what worked well and what did not.
- Comment on what you understood and what questions remain for you.
- Discuss the cultural, intellectual, and societal influence of the activity.
- Note the production specifics (set, costume, music, lighting, performance) as it pertains to quality and meaning, where applicable.
- Summarize the content, noting titles and authors.
- Reflect on what the experience means to you.

### !!Challenge Points!!

- Create a visual as a response or to communicate some aspect of the performance.
- Create a list of resources for further information (books, people, internet, film)
- Perform some aspect for the class.

***Submit the write-up on the day you give your honors presentation in class.***