

AHS Primary History Project

Due Date:

Value: 80 points

You are going to create an original work of history associated with Agoura High School. You are to select a topic that is related to Agoura High School. This topic can be based on a person (alumni, coach, teacher, staff member), program (athletics, arts, academics), place (a specific facility on campus), or a specific event in school history. You will write a paper that is a minimum of two pages, single-spaced, size 12 Times New Roman font. There is no maximum. Your paper should tell the story of your subject. You must have a thesis about the nature (impact, significance, etc.) of that story. The history you tell should support your thesis and have as much analysis as fact. You must have at least 3 sources listed in a bibliography and one of those sources must be a primary source. UCLA defines a primary source as:

Primary resources provide firsthand evidence of historical events. They are generally unpublished materials such as manuscripts, photographs, maps, artifacts, audio and video recordings, oral histories, postcards, and posters. In some instances, published materials can also be viewed as primary materials for the period in which they were written. In contrast, secondary materials, such as textbooks, synthesize and interpret primary materials.

In addition to your paper, you will present your findings to the class in an oral report. This report should be between 2 and 3 minutes long. Your presentation should follow all the guidelines put forth in the Proper Oral Presentation Techniques document found on Mrs. McCusker's website homepage.

It is expected that all students will select different topics for investigation. Students need to sign up for their topic on Google Form found on Mrs. McCusker's website. Students may only sign up for one topic at a time. Topics will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis based on the timestamp of the entry on the Google Form.

The written portion of the project is worth up to 60 points. The oral portion of the project is worth up to 20 points.