STATE PROJECT 5th Grade Mr. Portela/Mrs. Dodd/Mrs. Jakovickas/Mrs. Nilmeier

Even if you've never visited the state you've chosen, it has influenced your life in some way. With this project you will answer this essential question:

How has this state had an effect on my life?

You will choose 4 areas of study for your state. Here is a list of some possible areas of study:

Technology	Inventions	Art/Music	Sports
Literature	Culture	US History	Entertainment
Agriculture	Business	Education	Important People
Cities	Tourist attractions	Ethnic communities	Food

After you choose your 4 areas of study, you will research your state to answer the essential question. For example, in what way has the state of _____ had an effect on my life in the area of technology? I could search for information about the technologies that were first developed in that state, and then think about how that technology has had an effect on my life.

For each topic, your writing will have 2 parts. First, an explanation of those technologies and what they are. Second, a detailed explanation of why this is important to you and how it has had an effect on your life. If it's not important to you, don't choose it! Choose something different!

Presenting Your Research

You will have 2 choices for your final state project: a poster or a Google Slides presentation. Both choices are of equal value, and will contain the same information.

Poster

If you choose to make a poster, it should be at least 24 inches x 36 inches in size. It should be divided into 4 sections (for your 4 areas of study). The name of your state should be large and visible, and each section should have both pictures and text. The text should be typed, printed, and attached to the poster, not handwritten. The pictures should be colorful, and can be either drawn or printed. Include a list of the sources of your information on the back of the poster.

Google Slides

If you choose a Google Slides presentation, it should contain at least 14 slides. In addition to an introduction slide, for each of the 4 areas of study there should be 2 slides of text and 1 slide of pictures, and a final slide that lists your sources of information.

Due Date

This project is due Monday, May 1. You can turn it in early if you are finished.

Here is an example of what your work might look like if you chose to study the effect technology from California has had on your life:

<u>California and Technology</u>

California is home to many important technology companies. The most famous of these is probably Apple, which began in 1976 in the town of Los Altos, California. They are now the most valuable company in the world. That's pretty impressive when you remember that they started in a garage! Google is another company that got its start in California. It started as an internet search engine, but has expanded to make many tools that we use every day, including Google Docs, Google Drive, and Gmail. Ebay is another California based technology company that allows users to buy and sell everything from stuffed animals to cars. Many of these companies have their headquarters in the area near San Francisco and San Jose in northern California.

Apple has had a huge effect on my life. I have used their devices for over 30 years, starting with my neighbor's Apple IIe, which was my first experience playing a computer game. When I was in middle school, I took classes on how to use Apple computers, and it made me very interested in gaining as much knowledge as possible about computers. When I started teaching, I had both older Apple II computers and some new iMacs in my classroom. But the two most important Apple products in my life are the iPod and the iPhone. I loved the iPod that I received for Christmas in 2004, because it let me put thousands of songs on one small device that I could listen to in my car or at school. I got my first iPhone in 2008, and an iPhone has been my constant companion ever since. I use it to manage every part of my life with its calendar and alarms. I use it to control my television and plan trips. I buy things on Amazon and Ebay with my iPhone. It's in my hands so often that I think I may have damaged the muscles in my thumbs from typing on it so much. Sometimes I even make phone calls with it!

Citation

For your project, it is important that you correctly cite your sources of information. Since most of your information will come from online sources, the items on that list would include the web address of those sources:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Technology_companies_based_in_California
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple_Inc.

Use this page to organize your information and plan your project

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