**Social Studies Research Project**

**Project Due: February 4, 2013**

Benchmarks Addressed: G2.4.1, CC4.RI.3, CCW4.2a, CCW4.7

Objectives:

* Conduct short research project that builds knowledge through investigation of different topics
* Research elements of culture in a community, state, or nation
* Explain events procedures, ideas, concepts in historical text
* Write informative text which name topic, supply facts about topic and provide closure

The purpose of this assignment is to learn about the contributions of African Americans while developing research, report writing, and oral presentation skills.

This project will be completed at home.

**Assignment:**

Each student will conduct research about a famous African American. Students will write a five paragraph report about the African American. Students may use various resources such as biographies, reference books or the internet.

Each student will also design a CD cover. The cover should illustrate a portrait of the famous African American. The inside of the cover will consist of 5 song titles created by the student. The song titles should relate to the person’s life.

**Content of Report:**

Students should have an introduction and conclusion, as well as, the three body paragraphs that include biographical information, such as birth date, death (if applicable), family life, and education. They must include information about the African American’s contributions and significance during their life and how their life has affected how things are done today.

**Presentation:**

During the month of February each student will be assigned a day to present their report and CD. Each student will give a 5 minute talk about their person.

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**Grading Rubric**

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| **Component** | **Possible Points** | **Points Earned** |
| Biographical Information | 15 |  |
| Contribution Included | 15 |  |
| Significance of contribution included | 15 |  |
| Oral Presentation | 10 |  |
| CD Cover | 10 |  |
| Song Titles | 10 |  |
| Neatness | 10 |  |
| Mechanics(Sentence Formation, Capitalization, Punctuation, and Spelling) | 15 |  |

**Comments:**

**African American List**

1. Carter Woodson-author
2. Maya Angelou-poet, civil rights activist-Arkansan
3. Marian Anderson-Concert Singer
4. Matthew Gaines-community leader
5. Langston Hughes-poet and playwright
6. Jesse Jackson-Civil Rights Activist
7. Quincy Jones-musician
8. Barbara Jordan-Congressman
9. BB King-musician
10. Colin Powell-former Secretary of State
11. Condoleezza Rice- former Secretary State
12. Thurgood Marshall-lawyer
13. Thomas L. Jennings-inventor
14. Charles Drew-Blood Bank
15. Daniel Hale Williams-heart surgery pioneer
16. Mae Jemison-astronaut
17. Jackie Robinson-baseball
18. Althea Gibson-tennis
19. Wilma Rudolph-track
20. Madame CJ Walker-businesswoman
21. Booker T. Washington-educator
22. Daisy Bates-Civil Rights activist-Arkansas
23. Bessie Coleman-aviation
24. Mary McLeod Bethune-educator
25. John Johnson-publisher-Arkansan
26. Milton Crenchaw-Tuskeee Airman-Arkansan
27. Benjamin Banneker-inventor
28. Garrett Morgan-inventor
29. George Washington Carver-chemist
30. Sojourner Truth-abolitionist
31. Frederick Douglas-abolitionist
32. Satchel Paige-baseball
33. Jesse Owens-track
34. Willie Mays-baseball
35. Wilma Rudolph-athlete
36. Louis Armstrong-musician

Example of CD cover and Inside Cover-Be creative with your CD title and song titles.

Front Cover

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| Dreams  Dr. Martin Luther King |

Inside Cover

**Executive Producers**

Griffithtown Entertainment

**Musical Director**

Keysha Griffith

**Track 1**

“I Have a Dream”

**Track 2**

“Where Do We Go From Here”

**Track 3**

“Chaos or Community”

**Track 4**

“The Measure of a Man”

**Track 5**

“I’ve Been to the Mountaintop”