

Morality Project

Purpose: In this project you will examine the life of an individual who inspired others to follow their way of life. You will read samples of the person's writing to determine their particular approach to the Christian life (their spirituality) and the way they chose to live that out. You will also learn the history of the religious group they or their followers founded. You may work alone or with a partner for this project. Only one person/group may choose a particular person and order to study. You must tell me which group you have chosen to study *before* beginning your research. Your project will be completed in PhotoStory format.

Requirements: Each of these components will represent a separate grade. Together, these components represent 25% of your quarter grade.

- **Power Point presentation:** To present your material to the class, you will prepare a Power Point presentation with the most important information you learned in your research. This will then be imported into PhotoStory format and be played in class. Save this to a flashdrive to bring to the computer lab.
 - Number of slides required-5, not counting title and bibliography slides
 - Information on slides-Each slide should have no more than 3 bullet points. There should be: 2 for biography, 2 for writings, 1 for information on religious order. (Please note: these are minimums. You can have more.)
 - Pictures of the person and representatives of their order—do not have writing across the pictures
 - Maps showing areas where the order works today as well as where the individual was born
- **Script for your Photostory:** The script must be prepared and shown to me before we go to the computer lab. **Your project should take a minimum of 5 minutes to play.** Information required in your script includes:
 - Biography of the person-be sure to include any incidents in their lives which were especially influential in the development of their spiritual life and the virtues you think were especially present in their lives
 - Excerpts from their writings-not a summary but quotes from the actual works for which they are known
 - Origin and history of the religious order established to follow the way of life they chose-be sure to identify the particular charisms associated with the order
 - Why is this person's life relevant to us today? What can we learn about the virtuous life from this person?
- Photostory:
 - Save your Powerpoint to jpg format.
 - Add your script as narration.
 - Choose music which you think is representative of the virtues of this person's life and add this as background. It should not have words or be so loud that it is distracting.
 - Preview your Photostory to make sure it has all of the required information and meets all of the requirements. Save your Photostory as a project file. When finished, convert to wmv file with the name format: **lastnameP_project title**

Please remember that projects are due on the date assigned, whether you are absent or not. If this is not possible, I must receive a phone call from a parent on the due date that the work is done and will be turned in when you return to school. Failure to follow this will result in the loss of **20 pts. per day** on the project.

- Upload your wmv file to the class wiki.
 - Link your wmv file from your name to the class file.
 - Test your link
 - Upload your wmv file to your electronic portfolio (My PVI)
- **Handout:** Prepare a handout containing the most important information from your presentation to be given to each person in the class. **The format should be fill-in-the-blank.** The handout should be in black and white, back-to-back. The handouts will be used later for an open note quiz on the projects. You may use the copier in the library to make copies for the class. Copies are 10 cents each. **You may not use school printers to make your copies. Do not wait until the last minute to make your copies-the library may not be available.**
 - **Bibliography slide:** Using MLA format, prepare a bibliography of your sources. You must use a total of five (5) sources, at least two (2) of which must be print.
 - **Listening:** You must listen attentively and quietly to all of the presentations. You will lose 10 pts. each time you talk during the presentations.

Grading

Narration of PhotoStory:

1. The student speaks clearly, audibly and with inflection.
2. The student shows an understanding of the material being presented about the subject, the religious order and the music selection.
3. The presentation is well-organized with both presenters presenting equal amounts of the material.

PhotoStory:

1. Slides should be easy to read and understand-no more than 3 main points.
2. Slides should have an attractive background consistent with the material being presented.
3. Content shown on slides should be the most important information learned from research.
4. All spelling and grammar rules should be followed on the slides.
5. Music chosen should be appropriate and not too loud.
6. Project should take a minimum of 5 minutes to play.

Handout:

1. Must be ready to be handed out to each person in the class on the due date.
2. Follows format as given in project directions.
3. Contains most important information learned from the research about the person, their life, spirituality, writings and order.
4. Contains no spelling, grammar or punctuation errors.

Bibliography:

1. Center the word "Bibliography" at the top of the page.
2. Must contain at least 5 sources, two of which must be books.
3. Entries must be in alphabetical order according to the last name of the author or the title of the encyclopedia and follow MLA format.
4. The first line of each entry must be at the left margin. Each additional line should be indented-use "hanging intent" tab for this.

To receive an A, ALL criteria must be met and the speaker must show a thorough understanding of the material during the presentation. A "B" means that nearly all of the criteria are met while a "C" indicates that most of the criteria have been met. A grade of "D" or "F" means that few of the criteria have been met.