*Chaucer Group Presentation Weebly Site*

*INTRODUCTION*
      You are a highly paid travel agent for Time Travel, Inc. Your next assignment is to work with a team to make all the travel arrangements to Canterbury, England for a group of people who have won this trip as a prize.  Unfortunately, they thought they had won a trip to Hawaii.  They are a bit disgruntled because they know little or nothing about Canterbury or its history and are not very excited about the trip.  It is up to you to make sure they are are knowledgeable beforehand, so they can enjoy the trip and will recommend your agency to their friends.  You will be the travel guide while they are there.  The president of the travel agency has taken an interest in this trip, and may join the group.  Your future success in the travel industry depends on your ability to keep everyone interested in the trip and happy!

*THE TASK*
     To accomplish this, your team will research a portion of Chaucer's “Prologue to the Canterbury Tales” and do some historical research.  Teams will then present their findings for a 20-25 minute meeting with the travelers and the president of your agency and his wife.

You will post the web address for your weebly site in the Chaucer Presentation Blog

*THE PROCESS*
 1. After forming your group, divide up the tasks according to the talents of the individuals.  You should help each other out with the pilgrims, rather than working on your own.  However, EACH PERSON must have a part in the research, web page creation and the oral presentation.

 2.  You should divide and conquer the characters and their tales. Using your textbook (including footnotes and glossary help), take notes for your presentation and be able to answer these questions about Chaucer's pilgrims:

1. What does the pilgrim look like and wear?
2. Is this pilgrim a good or bad person?
3. What is the pilgrim's profession?
4. How good is the pilgrim at his profession?
5. What special talents or skills does the pilgrim have?
6. Are there any key lines in the description which may sum up the personality and qualities of the pilgrim?

 3. Provide a picture of the pilgrim (hand drawn, created as a collage, or printed from an internet site)
See the Group Presentation Rubric for more information.

 4. Using your textbook, the internet, etc., take notes on your topics from the Middle Ages.

1. Find and present the most interesting facts- do not recite a list of dates.
2. Remember that you are speaking to a group who has some vague ideas about the Middle Ages, but not much specific information.  You can assume they know some of the most basic information about your topic, but not much more.
3. The written report that you must file with the company will consist of a bibliography of your resources only- not the presentation notes!
See the Rubric for Individual Research and Bibliography Rubric for more information

 5.  Make your presentation!
See the Presentation rubric and the Group Work Reflection Sheet for more information.

6. Submit your Reflection on Group Work and Presentation

Links for Chaucer Research

<http://www.courses.fas.harvard.edu/~chaucer/>

<http://afdtk.uaa.alaska.edu/pedagogy.htm>

<http://csis.pace.edu/grendel/proj4a/chaucer.htm>

<http://www.luminarium.org/medlit/chaucer.htm>

<http://www.gradesaver.com/author/geoffrey-chaucer/>

<http://pages.towson.edu/duncan/chaucer/index.htm>

Team 1:

Your team's part of this includes these pilgrims from the "Prologue":

Knight
Squire
Yeoman
Nun (Prioress)
Reeve

And these topics for research:

Chaucer's Life
The language of Middle English

Team 2:

Your team’s part of this includes these pilgrims from the "Prologue":

Oxford Cleric
Monk
Merchant
Doctor
Manciple

And these topics for research:

Feudalism in Chaucer's time
Marriage customs and Courtly Love

Team 3

Your team’s part of this includes these pilgrims from the "Prologue":

Franklin
Cook
Summoner
Wife Of Bath ("Worthy woman from Bath")

And these topics for research:

The Black Plague
Sciences in the Middle Ages

Team 4

Your team’s part of this includes these pilgrims from the "Prologue":

Pardoner
Miller
Host
Skipper
Chaucer's narration at the beginning and the end of the "Prologue"

And these topics for research:

The Cathedral at Canterbury, now and in Chaucer's time
Henry II and Thomas a Becket

Team 5

Your team’s part of this includes these pilgrims from the "Prologue":

The Sergeant-at-Law
Friar
Guildsmen (Haberdasher, Dyer, Carpenter, Weaver, Carpet maker)
Plowman
Parson

And these topics for research:

Art and Music

Drama (Miracle and Mystery plays) of the Middle Ages

Essential Planning and Grading Tools for Chaucer Presentation

For this project, each group of 2 is assigned a specific task. This will include historical/cultural research and presenting a series of characters from the prologue.

GROUP PRESENTATION RUBRIC

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| Score | Criteria  |
| 30 | Effective research is evident and cited during the presentation (12 pts.) |
|  | Effective synthesis of information (5 pts.) |
|  | Effective use of chosen presentation format (5 pts.) |
|  | Excellent eye contact, voice and posture (4 pts.) |
|  | All materials are attractive, organized, helpful (4 pts.) |
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| 25 | Effective research is evident during the presentation. |
|  | Good synthesis of information |
|  | Good use of chosen presentation format |
|  | Good eye contact, voice, posture |
|  | Most materials are attractive, organized, helpful |
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| 22 | Some research is evident during the presentation |
|  | Some synthesis of information |
|  | Fair/Poor use of chosen presentation format |
|  | Fair/Poor eye contact, voice, posture |
|  | Some materials are attractive, organized, helpful |
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| 0 | No presentation! |

For this presentation, you are not restricted to only presenting the web pages. You can get creative in terms of how you present the information. For the historical or cultural research, this might suit a PowerPoint. When you act as an expert on a Prologue character, you are presenting a character analysis and evidence for your assessment.

RUBRIC FOR INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

Name:

Topics:

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| POINTS EARNED | POINTS  POSSIBLE | CRITERIA |
|  | 5 | Entries are entered in correct format; are high quality and appropriate to the topic |
|  | 3 | There are the correct number of assigned and extra entries |
|  | 2 | Bibliography is typed, and in ABC order |
|  | 10 | Comments:   |

REFLECTION ON GROUP WORK AND PARTICIPATION

Write a brief journal on  your role in the group and/or how the group functioned in each of the following areas:

\_\_/4 Leadership:
 (Did you make meeting arrangements, teach or encourage others, take responsibility for checking quality of products? Anything else?)

\_\_/1 Research:
 (What part of the required information did you provide?  What problems did you encounter?  What extras did you find?)

\_\_/4 The Presentation :
 (Did you provide the creative ideas? the organization? the technical work? the props or handouts?)

\_\_/1 Any other thoughts or suggestions on this project?

\_\_/10 TOTAL