

Grade 3 ELA Project

Trimester 1

Our first trimester school-wide project will be an ELA project. The project will be **completed by every student** in the school. Your child will be given time as part of their nightly homework to complete this project. The grade will be part of their **First Trimester** ELA grade. The project will be graded based on the rubric that is attached to this letter.

Finding evidence in a non-fiction text.

Choose an appropriate NON-FICTION book and read it.

Part 1: Finding evidence in the text:

1. Find interesting facts.
2. List **three new facts** in complete sentences that you learned from the book.
3. “Cite” your work (for the interesting facts and the new facts) by giving the page number you found it on and the paragraph.
Ex: “I found this fact on pg. 97, paragraph 3.”

Part 2: Vocabulary:

1. Find 5 new **Domain Specific** vocabulary words (words that are specific to your topic that you learned from reading the book). Then write definitions for each vocabulary word in words that a 3rd grader can understand.
2. **Create a game** from the list below to teach and practice the words:
 1. A crossword puzzle http://www.puzzle-maker.com/crossword_Entry.cgi
 2. A word search using the definitions of the words as the clues
<http://www.puzzle-maker.com/WS/>
 3. A matching game to match the words to definitions or the words to pictures that explain the word.
<http://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/match-up/match-up.php>
 4. Any other game you can come up with that will be a way to learn and practice the words and definitions.

The projects are due the week of November 14, 2016. You will have checkpoints throughout the process to ensure that you do not fall behind; the forms are included in this packet. Your parents can help you with the project, but remember it is your project.

ELA Project Timeline

Progress Check #	Date Due	Description
#1	Friday, October 14	Project Approval. Bring in your book and the signed contract (form #1)
#2	Friday, October 21	Project Status. Fill out form #2
#3	Friday, November 4	Project Status. Fill out form #3
#4	Week of November 14	Bring in project by Friday, 11/14

Trimester Project Rubric 3rd Grade

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Organization	Information is very organized with well-constructed sentences and citations.	Information is organized with well-constructed sentences and citations.	Information is organized, but sentences are not well constructed or are partially missing.	The information appears to be disorganized.
Appearance	The project is exceptionally designed, and shows careful attention to layout, and neatness.	The appearance of the project is acceptable in terms of design, layout and neatness.	The project is acceptable in appearance, though it may be a bit messy.	The project is distractingly messy or very poorly designed.
Effort	Work reflects this student's best efforts.	Work reflects a strong effort from this student.	Work reflects some effort from this student.	Work reflects very little effort on the part of this student.
Grammar	There are no grammatical or spelling mistakes on the project.	There are 1-3 grammatical or spelling mistakes on the project.	There are 4-6 grammatical or spelling mistakes on the project.	There are more than 6 grammatical or spelling mistakes on the project.
Timeline	Student handed in all aspects of this project on or before they were due.	Student handed in most of the aspects of this project on or before they were due.	Student handed in some of the aspects of this project on or before they were due.	None of the aspects of the project were handed in on time.
Supporting Information	3 facts are written in complete sentences and supported with complete citations.	2-3 facts are written with citations.	1-2 facts are written with partially incomplete citations.	Facts and/or citations are missing.
Vocabulary	Vocabulary assignment is neatly done, complete, and contains at least 5 vocabulary words.	Vocabulary assignment is complete and contains at least 5 vocabulary words.	Appearance of Vocabulary assignment shows a lack of effort but is complete.	Vocabulary assignment is incomplete. It does not contain the necessary 5 vocabulary words.



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Progress Check # 1

Fill this form out. Bring the completed form and your nonfiction book to class by **Friday, October 14** for your teacher's approval. The completed project is due the **week of November 14th**.

ELA Project Contract

*I have read and agreed to the requirements of the mandatory first trimester ELA project. I understand that the project will be completed at home, and is due the week of **November 14th**.*

Student Name _____

Book Title:
Student Signature:
Parent Signature:





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Progress Check # 2

Fill this form out with the information about your book and the progress you have made. This form is due back by **Friday, October 21st**. The completed project is due the week of November 14th.

Student Name _____

Book Title	
Pages read: _____ out of _____	
Parent signature	Student signature





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Progress Check # 3

This form should be used as a guideline for the completion of your ELA Project. This will let you see what you have done, and what you still need to do. This form is due by **Friday, November 4th**. The completed project is due the week of **November 14th**.

Student Name _____

1. Book Title
2. How much have you read so far? (circle one) a. Finished it b. Most of it c. Half of it d. Less than half of it e. Haven't Started it
3. What <u>5</u> vocabulary words have you chosen. (list below)
4. What type of game are you creating?

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

