

Due Date: Tuesday, May 14th,
2013

ABC Non-Fiction Research Book

Throughout the year you and your partner will each read 13 non-fiction books (one for each letter of the alphabet) and together make an alphabet book. You will record facts from what you learned from each book. **I recommend checking out at least one non-fiction book a week to make sure you finish before the due date.** *Note:* this is a great assignment to work on after you finish another assignment and you wonder "What do I do now?" Use the attached planning chart to keep up with each book you and your partner read.

You must include in your readings at least 1 book on each of these topics: science, music, art, history, geography.

Here are some examples of topics you could read about:
Science, E = Electricity B = Bats S = Solar System
Music, M = Mozart V = Violin
Art, P = Pieta R = Renoir O = Origami
History, A = Alamo B = Daniel Boone I = Internet
Geography, G = Greece K = Kenya

The above topics account for 5 of your 13 books. The other 8 are entirely up to YOU. Read books that you are interested in or what you have always wondered about. Have fun with this assignment and learn a LOT!

You will produce a "one-pager" for each book. Follow the rubric on the one-pager. Your work should follow this carefully! Please do your neatest and best work.

ABC Non-Fiction Research Book Rubric

All letters of the Alphabet are represented	1, 2, or 3
Name, title, author, letter of alphabet	1, 2, or 3
Main idea and supporting details	1, 2, or 3
Mechanics (punctuation/spelling)	1, 2, or 3
Follows the one-pager guidelines	1, 2 or 3

After you and your partner have read all your books and made all your one-pagers, you and your partner will design a cover page for your book. Include both your names + whatever title you want for your ABC book.

Checkpoint Dates

3 one-pagers are due: Oct. 30th, 2012

3 one-pagers are due (now you'll have 6): Dec. 11th, 2012

3 one-pagers are due (now you'll have 9): Feb. 12th, 2013

2 one-pagers are due (now you'll have 11): April 16th, 2013

2 one-pagers + cover are due (now you'll have your finished book!): May 14th, 2013

ABC Book Planner

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X
	Y	Z	

Your name: _____

Your partner's name: _____

Rules for a One Pager



1. All work is done on one side of $8 \frac{1}{2} \times 11$ paper
2. Everything must relate to the topic
3. First and last name clearly displayed
4. Create a border using the topic
5. Write your reactions, connections, observations and learnings. For example:
 - I learned that ...
 - I know that ...
 - Did you know that ...
 - I believe ...
 - This reminds me of ... because ...
 - I noticed ...
 - I wonder ...
6. Include picture, diagrams, and graphs of the topic
7. Write and answer a test question related to the topic
8. Be colorful and neat