National History Day

Keeping Track of Your Research

Researching historical events or personalities can become overwhelming quite quickly. You need to have a “home” to keep everything neat and orderly so you can find your *stuff* later. You already have a *google account*, so that is the best place to keep your research!

1. Create two new *google* documents. Title one page **NHD Research – Primary Sources** and the other **NHD Research – Secondary Sources**
2. Create 3 columns on each page
3. Title section 1: **Citation Info**
   1. In this section, write down the citation information you will later use for your Works Cited page. If it is a website, be sure to write down the *entire* web address. Be sure to include the date you accessed the website.
   2. See <http://content.easybib.com/citation-guides/mla-format/how-to-cite-a-website-mla/> for detailed info of what you need to include
4. Title section 2: **Document Type**

In this section, write the type of document (*ie.* scholarly article, textbook, letter, photograh, etc.)

1. Title section 3: **Notes and Findings**
   1. In this section, take notes about the document; what information does it give you
   2. Also write your answers to the questions you were given to help you analyze sources
   3. Include your own conclusions; why is this information important and why will it help you later
   4. You may use bullets for this section
2. Be sure to click on the “Editing” bar and choose “Can Edit”, then share with all partners in your group.
3. Make sure that **EVERY TIME** any group member does any research, it is recorded here!

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| Citation Info | Document Type | Notes and Findings |
| Feinberg, Ashley. “What’s the Safest Seat in an Airplane?” Gizmodo. Gawker Media, 28 Mar. 2013. Web. 30 Mar. 2013. | Scholarly Article | * Planes safer than cars * Back of plane safest * Middle rear seats have highest survival rate * 32% fatality rate compared with 39% in middle and 38% in front |