

Social Studies – African-American History Altered Book Project Rubric

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Cover	<p>My title, author name, and portrait may have gotten a little lost in the jumble</p> <p>My title is a little simplistic</p> <p>My portrait is a little rushed and/or messy</p> <p>I used color but it looks a little messy</p> <p>Some elements of my cover are bunched together</p> <p>You have to squint a little to read the title and my name on the spine of the book, or it is a little messy</p> <p>I might have rushed a little</p>	<p>My title, author name, and portrait stand out</p> <p>My title makes sense, given the life of my research topic</p> <p>My portrait is done with attention to detail</p> <p>I used color neatly</p> <p>My cover is balanced</p> <p>My title and my name are clearly visible on the spine of my book</p> <p>I took my time</p>	<p>My title, author name, and portrait are the stars of the show</p> <p>My title honors the spirit of my research figure</p> <p>My portrait is done with precision and attention to detail</p> <p>I used color effectively</p> <p>I used space effectively</p> <p>My title and my name are clearly visible on the spine of my book and they are pleasing to the eye</p> <p>I took pride in my work</p>

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Timeline	<p>Some of the events in my timeline are trivial; I may have missed several important events</p> <p>My timeline contains less than 8 major events</p> <p>Most of my facts are accurate</p> <p>Most of my events are in chronological order</p> <p>I included an accurate, complete date for most of the events on my timeline</p> <p>There are some errors in the language I used to describe events</p> <p>I did not categorize my information</p> <p>My timeline is a little messy</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my timeline page(s) in a basic way</p> <p>My timeline page(s) might look a little unfinished</p> <p>I rushed a little</p>	<p>Most of the events in my timeline are important and interesting; I may have missed a few important events</p> <p>My time line contains at least 8 major events</p> <p>Almost all of my facts are accurate</p> <p>Almost all of my events are in chronological order</p> <p>I included an accurate, complete date for almost all of the events on my timeline</p> <p>I used accurate but somewhat vague language to describe events</p> <p>I used color or a legend to categorize my information</p> <p>You may have to work a little to read my timeline</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my timeline page(s) with attention to detail</p> <p>My timeline page(s) are artistically complete and unified</p> <p>I took my time</p>	<p>The events in my timeline are important and interesting; no major events were excluded</p> <p>My timeline contains at least 10 major events</p> <p>My facts are accurate</p> <p>All of my events are in chronological order</p> <p>I included an accurate, complete date for all of the events on my timeline</p> <p>I used accurate and vivid language to clearly describe events</p> <p>I effectively used color and a legend to categorize my information</p> <p>My timeline is effective and easy to read</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my timeline page(s) with precision and attention to detail</p> <p>My timeline page(s) are works of art, in and of themselves</p> <p>I took pride in my work</p>

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Story	<p>I have told the story of my person's life in a surface way</p> <p>I might have copied some of the words I found in my research</p> <p>I missed some of the story criteria</p> <p>My sentences are mostly correctly constructed and I mostly used correct punctuation and grammar</p> <p>I may have made a few mistakes in my spelling</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my story pages in a basic way</p> <p>My story pages might look a little unfinished</p> <p>I might have rushed a little</p>	<p>I have told the story of my person's life accurately and with attention to detail</p> <p>My information is accurate and is mostly written in my own words</p> <p>My writing captured all aspects of the story criteria</p> <p>My sentences are correctly constructed and I used correct punctuation and grammar</p> <p>My spelling of familiar words is correct but I made a few errors in technical terms</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my story pages with attention to detail</p> <p>My story pages are artistically complete and unified</p> <p>I took my time</p>	<p>I have told the story of my person's life accurately and with attention to detail, and I have honored the spirit of this person</p> <p>My information is accurate, is written in my own words, and is detailed</p> <p>My writing captured all aspects of the story criteria, with depth and complexity</p> <p>My sentences are correctly constructed and I used correct punctuation and grammar; I may have made a few errors when experimenting with more complex forms</p> <p>My spelling is correct</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my story pages with precision and attention to detail</p> <p>My story pages are works of art, in and of themselves</p> <p>I took pride in my work</p>

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Poem	<p>My poem might be only influenced by my person in a surface way</p> <p>My word choice is not very specific</p> <p>There are some errors in my use of conventions</p> <p>I might need to tell you what order to read the words of my poem in</p> <p>I neglected to think about the proper visual techniques for my type of poem – it might look a little random in presentation</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my poem page(s) in a basic way</p> <p>My poem page(s) might look a little unfinished</p> <p>I might have rushed a little</p>	<p>My poem is clearly inspired by the life and work of my person</p> <p>My word choice is clear</p> <p>I have used conventions correctly</p> <p>It is easy to read my poem sequentially</p> <p>I have used the visual techniques for my type of poem correctly – I found a balance between the use of words and images</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my poem page(s) with attention to detail</p> <p>My poem page(s) are artistically complete and unified</p> <p>I took my time</p>	<p>My poem powerfully honors the spirit of my person</p> <p>My word choice is powerful</p> <p>I have used conventions correctly and effectively</p> <p>It is easy to read my poem sequentially and I capitalized on the use of space</p> <p>I have used the visual techniques for my type of poem effectively, to marry words and images</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my poem page(s) with precision and attention to detail</p> <p>My poem page(s) are works of art, in and of themselves</p> <p>I took pride in my work</p>

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Bibliography	<p>There are several errors in formatting in my references</p> <p>My reference page might be a little difficult to read</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my reference page in a basic way</p> <p>My reference page might look a little unfinished</p> <p>I might have rushed a little</p>	<p>There are minor errors in formatting in my references</p> <p>My reference page is easy to read</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my reference page with attention to detail</p> <p>My reference page is artistically complete and unified</p> <p>I took my time</p>	<p>My references are all properly formatted</p> <p>My reference page is easy to read and is visually pleasing</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my reference page with precision and attention to detail</p> <p>My reference page is a work of art, in and of itself</p> <p>I took pride in my work</p>
Extension	<p>I have attempted to capture an aspect of my research topic in my work</p> <p>My written work is a little basic or just skims the surface</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my page(s) in a basic way</p> <p>My page(s) might look a little unfinished</p> <p>I might have rushed a little</p>	<p>My work captures an important aspect of my research topic</p> <p>My written work demonstrates attention to detail</p> <p>My work demonstrates an attempt at incorporating depth and complexity</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my page(s) with attention to detail</p> <p>Each page is artistically complete and unified</p> <p>I took my time</p>	<p>My work powerfully captures an important aspect of my research topic</p> <p>My written work demonstrates precision of execution and attention to detail</p> <p>My work demonstrates depth and complexity</p> <p>I incorporated altered book techniques into my page(s) with precision and attention to detail</p> <p>Each page is a work of art, in and of itself</p> <p>I took pride in my work</p>

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Applied Design and Skills	<p>My drafts were rushed or I neglected to fully plan out each page</p> <p>I made an effort to incorporate altered book techniques in my planning</p> <p>I needed reminders to use my checklist</p> <p>The organization of my pages seems a little rushed or random</p> <p>I might have struggled a little when explaining the thinking that went into the design of my book</p> <p>I was not safe with my materials</p> <p>I was wasteful in my use of materials and/or I did not keep track of my materials well</p> <p>I might have distracted others and/or myself during work blocks</p> <p>I may have forgotten to test out my techniques before beginning each page</p> <p>My self-assessment was not that accurate – I was either too hard or too soft on myself</p> <p>I might have rushed a little</p>	<p>My drafts demonstrated an attention to detail</p> <p>I made a strong effort to incorporate altered book techniques in my planning</p> <p>I used my checklist</p> <p>The organization of my pages demonstrates the use of measurement and/or balance</p> <p>I was able to explain the thinking that went into the design of my book</p> <p>I used materials safely</p> <p>I used materials in ways that minimized waste</p> <p>I used my time well and stayed on task during work blocks</p> <p>I quickly tested out my techniques before beginning each page</p> <p>My self-assessment was fairly accurate</p> <p>I took my time</p>	<p>My drafts demonstrated care and thoughtfulness in my process</p> <p>I fully capitalized on all aspects of altered book techniques in my planning</p> <p>I used my checklist and frequently referenced my outline and rubric</p> <p>The organization of my pages demonstrates the use of measurement and spatial awareness (how each part related to each other and the whole)</p> <p>I was able to explain the thinking that went into the design of my book with depth and complexity</p> <p>I used materials safely and encouraged others to do the same</p> <p>I used materials in ways that minimized waste and I helped others do the same</p> <p>I helped create an efficient and cooperative work space</p> <p>I thoroughly tested out my techniques before beginning each page</p> <p>My self-assessment was accurate and honest (not too harsh, not too soft; just right)</p> <p>I took pride in my work</p>

