Social Studies – African-American History Altered Book Project Rubric

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

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

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Story	I have told the story of my person's life in a surface way	I have told the story of my person's life accurately and with attention to detail	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
	I might have copied some of the words I found in my research	My information is accurate and is mostly written in my own words	My information is accurate, is written in my own words, and is detailed
	I missed some of the story criteria	My writing captured all aspects of the story criteria	My writing captured all aspects of the story criteria, with depth and complexity
	My sentences are mostly correctly constructed and I mostly used correct punctuation and grammar	My sentences are correctly constructed and I used correct punctuation and grammar	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
	I may have made a few mistakes in my spelling	My spelling of familiar words is correct but I made a few errors in technical terms	My spelling is correct
	I incorporated altered book techniques into my story pages in a basic way	I incorporated altered book techniques into my story pages with attention to detail	I incorporated altered book techniques into my story pages with precision and attention to detail
	My story pages might look a little unfinished	My story pages are artistically complete and unified	My story pages are works of art, in and of themselves
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	My poem might be only influenced by my person in a surface way My word choice is not very specific	My poem is clearly inspired by the life and work of my person My word choice is clear	My poem powerfully honors the spirit of my person My word choice is powerful
	There are some errors in my use of conventions	I have used conventions correctly	I have used conventions correctly and effectively
	I might need to tell you what order to read the words of my poem in	It is easy to read my poem sequentially	It is easy to read my poem sequentially and I capitalized on the use of space
Poem	I neglected to think about the proper visual techniques for my type of poem – it might look a little random in presentation	I have used the visual techniques for my type of poem correctly – I found a balance between the use of words and images	I have used the visual techniques for my type of poem effectively, to marry words and images
	I incorporated altered book techniques into my poem page(s) in a basic way	I incorporated altered book techniques into my poem page(s) with attention to detail	I incorporated altered book techniques into my poem page(s) with precision and attention to detail
	My poem page(s) might look a little unfinished	My poem page(s) are artistically complete and unified	My poem page(s) are works of art, in and of themselves
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	There are several errors in formatting in my references	There are minor errors in formatting in my references	My references are all properly formatted
	My reference page might be a little difficult to read	My reference page is easy to read	My reference page is easy to read and is visually pleasing
Bibliography	I incorporated altered book techniques into my reference page in a basic way	I incorporated altered book techniques into my reference page with attention to detail	I incorporated altered book techniques into my reference page with precision and attention to detail
	My reference page might look a little unfinished	My reference page is artistically complete and unified	My reference page is a work of art, in and of itself
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	I have attempted to capture an aspect of my research topic in my work	My work captures an important aspect of my research topic	My work powerfully captures an important aspect of my research topic
	My written work is a little basic or just skims the surface	My written work demonstrates attention to detail	My written work demonstrates precision of execution and attention to detail
Extension		My work demonstrates an attempt at incorporating depth and complexity	My work demonstrates depth and complexity
	I incorporated altered book techniques into my page(s) in a basic way	I incorporated altered book techniques into my page(s) with attention to detail	I incorporated altered book techniques into my page(s) with precision and attention to detail
	My page(s) might look a little unfinished	Each page is artistically complete and unified	Each page is a work of art, in and of itself
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	My drafts were rushed or I neglected to fully plan out each page	My drafts demonstrated an attention to detail	My drafts demonstrated care and thoughtfulness in my process
	I made an effort to incorporate altered book techniques in my planning	I made a strong effort to incorporate altered book techniques in my planning	I fully capitalized on all aspects of altered book techniques in my planning
	I needed reminders to use my checklist	I used my checklist	I used my checklist and frequently referenced my outline and rubric
	The organization of my pages seems a little rushed or random	The organization of my pages demonstrates the use of measurement and/or balance	The organization of my pages demonstrates the use of measurement and spatial awareness (how each part related to each other and the whole)
Applied	I might have struggled a little when explaining the thinking that went into the design of my book	I was able to explain the thinking that went into the design of my book	I was able to explain the thinking that went into the design of my book with depth and complexity
Design and Skills	I was not safe with my materials	I used materials safely	I used materials safely and encouraged others to do the same
	I was wasteful in my use of materials and/or I did not keep track of my materials well	I used materials in ways that minimized waste	I used materials in ways that minimized waste and I helped others do the same
	I might have distracted others and/or myself during work blocks	I used my time well and stayed on task during work blocks	I helped create an efficient and cooperative work space
	I may have forgotten to test out my techniques before beginning each page	I quickly tested out my techniques before beginning each page	I thoroughly tested out my techniques before beginning each page
	My self-assessment was not that accurate – I was either too hard or too soft on myself	My self-assessment was fairly accurate	My self-assessment was accurate and honest (not too harsh, not too soft; just right)
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