

## **Shakespeare Research Frost**

In preparation for our study of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, you will work collaboratively with a small group of no more than 3 students, to research and present on the life and time of William Shakespeare. Your group will choose from one of the following topics:

- Shakespeare's Life & Work
- Elizabethan Literature (excluding Shakespeare's work)
- World History: The World Outside of England (1560's – 1620's)
- The Elizabethan Theater
- Art, Music, Food & Culture of the Elizabethan Era
- Shakespeare in the Modern Age
- Scandal, Controversy and other Misdemeanors of the Elizabethan Age

You will have 1.5 days of class time to research and prepare for your presentation. Your presentation must include the following:

- 4-5 minutes in length
  - 1 minute grace period – over 6 minutes in length, group will start losing points)
- Include an originally created handout for reference (1 copy per student)
  - You are responsible for making and sourcing your own photocopies.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Period – 22 Copies; 7<sup>th</sup> Period – 12 Copies
  - If you ask me to make copies or print for you – I will do it, but your group will lose 1 letter grade off the final score.
- Visually appealing poster that highlights the most important takeaways from your research. These will be displayed in the hallway.
- Each group must turn in ONE MLA style works cited page.
- All group members must speak and present a portion of the content.
- If you use a PowerPoint, points will be deducted for reading from the slides. Notecards or note sheets are okay, but do not read from them.
- Tell a story – paint a picture of the time period which we are about to enter. Make it interesting. Don't put your audience to sleep.

**Your individual grade will primarily come from:**

- Time management (both during class prep time & presentation)
- Quality and originality of your reference handout
- Quality and depth of your poster visual
- MLA works cited
- Preparedness, flow & organization of presentation
- Overall quality, effectiveness and presentation of information

**Suggestions for research:**

Use the GALE service from the RCHS Media Center Website. Went over in class on 1/27.

**Timeline:**

Presentations will be Wednesday January 29, 2020. The order of presentations will be drawn randomly. If we run out of time, one or two groups may present on Thursday, but do not plan on that.