

World's Fair Project

The 1876 World's Fair in Philadelphia and the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago showed America's industrial might! Exhibitions featured American inventions, art, and culture. Like our modern day CES (Consumer Electronics Show), these fairs introduced modern marvels like the Ferris Wheel and the monorail. In this project, you will create an exhibition for our own World's Fair! First choose your topic and get it approved by Ms. T. Next, choose your presentation method, then gather your supplies and research your topic. Make sure you are covering the Gilded Age years of late 1860s-1890s and follow the criteria for success!

Every presentation must include:

- ★ Title, geographic location and dates
- ★ Minimum of 20 sentences about the topic
- ★ A primary resource: a quote, document, or firsthand account
OR a secondary source from the time period:
political cartoon, newspaper clip, etc.

Choose your presentation method:

Poster --include 5 images

Song, Rap, or Poem --provide a written example of your piece

Interactive Online Exhibit --display on classroom computers

Interpretive Art --size must be at least 8 ½ x 11 or larger

If you choose to do a song, rap or poem you will perform first before we set up our exhibits.

Topics:

Lightbulb

Telephone

Cornelius Vanderbilt

John D. Rockefeller

Andrew Carnegie

J.P. Morgan

Standard Oil

U.S. Steel

Union Pacific Railroad

Central Pacific Railroad

Battle of Little Bighorn

Battle of Wounded Knee

Transcontinental Railroad

Farming Methods in the West

–dry farming, sodbusters and
bonanza farms

Farming Inventions of the West

–John Deere’s steel plow,
reapers, steam tractor and
threshers

Samuel Gompers

“New” Immigration (from Southern
& Eastern Europe)

Chinese Exclusion Act

Ellis Island

Angel Island

American Federation of Labor

Knights of Labor

World Fair Criteria for Success:

_____ Includes accurate title, geographic location, and/or dates (20 points)

_____ Minimum of 20 sentences about the topic with accurate and relevant information (50 points)*

_____ Includes a relevant primary or secondary resource (20 points)

_____ Creative, well organized and excellent craftsmanship (10 points)

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