**English 10A**

**Research Project**

**“Cheat Sheet”**

Remember, there are two parts to this project: the research and presentation with visual aid & Works Cited Page.

**Part One: The Research**

Research your topic that relates to your book. Think of some issues that have come up in your novel and research those as well. Fill out a Research Note Sheet for each of your sources. Don’t forget to e-mail articles to yourself!

**Review of Online Sources**

Database sources and books may be used as your research sources. Follow these steps to access the databases.

* Go to Fitzgerald’s homepage (www.fitz.k12.mi.us)
* Put your mouse over “Schools and Programs”
* Click “Fitzgerald High School”
* Click on “Media Center” on the left hand side of the page
* Click on the link for the “High School Media Center Homepage”
* Click on “Student links” on the left hand side of the page
* Click on **Social Studies** (the fourth option down)
* The following databases are the most helpful: US History in Context, World History in Context, and Virtual Reference Library
* If accessing the databases from a computer outside of school, you must log in.
	+ Username: Fitzgerald
	+ Password: Fitzgerald

You must turn in the Research Note Sheet for each of your sources on the day of your presentation!

**Part Two: The Presentation and Visual Aid**

You will present your findings to the class in a brief presentation. Your presentation should include the following information:

* Introduction of your topic and thesis
* Summary of novel
* Summary of your research
* Similarities and differences between your novel and what actually happened
* A conclusion stating something you learned about the time period
* A Works Cited slide that gives credit to your sources (see below)

You make a PowerPoint presentation using the SLIDES on Google Drive.

The presentations will be the week of **January 4th**. You will be signing up for a date this week. Work on this part *after* you have completed research!

**If you have any questions, ask! You can e-mail me at: brosmi@myfitz.net**

**MLA Works Cited Page**

You must give credit to where you found your information – the three sources. Follow these guidelines:

* Create a new document in Google. Name it “Last Name Works Cited”
* Center the words Works Cited at the top of the page. Do not italicize, put in quotations marks, or make bold
* Double space all citations, but do not skip spaces between entries.
* Indent the second and subsequent lines of citations five spaces so that you create a hanging indent.
* You must list the medium of publication. For example, a book would be considered a ‘Print’ source while a data base would be considered a ‘Web’ source.
* You do NOT need to include the URL for websites or databases.
* Entries should be in alphabetical order.
* Share this page with me as well.

Example:

"Salem Witch Trials." *U\*X\*L Encyclopedia of U.S. History*. Sonia Benson, Daniel E. Brannen, Jr., and Rebecca Valentine. Ed. Lawrence W. Baker and Sarah Hermsen. Vol. 7. Detroit: UXL, 2009. 1360-1363. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 16 Oct. 2012.

**Accessing Google Apps/Google Drive**

Make your visual aid using SLIDES in Google Drive. Then share it with us so we can see it for grading purposes. This will ensure your visual aid will work on the computer for your presentation day. Follow these steps to access Google Apps:

* Go to Fitzgerald’s homepage ([www.fitz.k12.mi.us](http://www.fitz.k12.mi.us))
* Put your mouse over “Educational Links”
* Click on “Google Apps”
* Click on “Fitzgerald High School”
* Log into Google Apps
	+ Log in example for student John Smith with ID number 123456
		- Username: smitjohn56
		- Password: Fitz3456
* If this is the first time logging in, complete the verification section
* You can create a Google Doc by clicking on “Google Apps Doc/Drive” link on the homepage
* Click on “Create” and then “SLIDES” to access the Google PowerPoint program
* You can check your e-mail by clicking on “Mail” at the top of the homepage
* Rename your presentation using the following format:
	+ Last Name Research Presentation Hour
	+ So, if John Smith was in my third hour, his presentation would be renamed as:
		- Smith Research Presentation Second Hour
* Share your final presentation with me before your presentation date! Click “Share” and search for Ms. Smith by typing in “brosmi”.

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