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Class _____

Historical Fiction

Historical fiction is a fake encounter with a real historical person in that person's time and place using a real piece of a person's life to build an imaginary story. You may choose any historical figure; he or she does not have to be American. You will not be permitted to use any athletes or celebrities for your story and your imaginary story cannot alter history.

Part 1

Go to the library and select a grade level biography of a famous person from history. This includes all history, not just the United States. Your book **MUST** be approved by Mrs. Morrison. If you would like to read it over Christmas break, make sure she checks your book by December 21. If you will not be reading your book over Christmas break, Mrs. Morrison will need to check your book by January 5. You will need to have this book with you in your backpack every time you come to English class. Reading of this book must be completed by January 23. Be sure to take good notes in the writing section of your marble notebook. **These notes will be checked on January 23 for a grade.**

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**Notes
Example**

Part 2

Write a 250-word summary of the biography. Be sure to use a highlighter, pen or bold type to highlight the part of the person's life you plan to build your story around. The highlighted sentence(s) should be short and to the point.

Write a few sentences explaining your idea for your historical fiction.

Type this report using size 12 font, Times New Roman, double space. Remember to start a new paragraph, simply indent. Do not use extra line spacing between paragraphs. Your explanation should be typed right after your summary.

Type a cover sheet. The sheet should list the name of the book and the author in the middle of the cover. In the lower right hand corner, type your name, the date, and your section (7B or 7R). Mrs. Brown will give you instructions as to writing a works cited page and I will help you with in-text citations.

Due Date: On or before January 31

Part 3

We will begin to write your historical fiction stories in class. Because *you* are creating the piece, it is fiction, but because you will use actual historical facts and persons, it is historical fiction. Your grade will be based on how believable and interesting your story is. These stories will be the same length as your short stories (2 pages). Use the same typing instructions as above.

Final Copy Due Date: February 27

10 Pages of notes
(5 front + back)
= 100%

Neil Armstrong
One Giant Leap for Mankind
By: Tara Dixon-Engel
+ Mike Jackson

pg. 3 Neil's mother stayed home &
read books to her children

Pg. 5 Armstrong becomes passionate about
aviation by age 8.
"he spent long hours assembling
fliers..."