

California Mission Project

Over the next few weeks, we will be studying about the importance of the missions in California's history. In order to learn even more, students will research a mission of their choice, then create a **project** and complete a **report**.

To find the information to complete the report and project, students should use books from the library, encyclopedias, reliable internet sites, or resources from the mission itself. While some time will be given for students to do research and work on their reports, most work on the project and report will be completed at home.

Mission Project

Choose one of the following:

1. Make a colorful, detailed map of your mission on a large poster board. Be sure to label it and make a key.
2. Build a three-dimensional model of your mission. Try to build the model from things you already have at home. You may use wood, cardboard, popsicle sticks, lasagna noodles, styrofoam, toothpicks, etc. Do not feel the need to spend much money on supplies. **Please do not buy a "mission kit"**. Your model base must be able to fit on your desk. Remember to label and provide a key. Parent guidance is encouraged, but please remember, it is meant to be student project, not a parent project. The most important thing in doing this project is that students learn.
3. Create a poster showing pictures of the important parts of the mission. Your poster should have at least 7 pictures and each one should be labeled with an explanation of what the picture is. The poster display should be colorful and attractive. You may gather the pictures from the Internet or even better, visit a mission and take your own pictures! Be sure to include the name of your mission.
4. Have another great idea to show what you've learned? Come talk to me about it.

Mission Report

Your mission report should have ALL of the following:

1. *Colorful Cover*

The report should have a colorful cover that includes the name of the mission, your name, and the due date. It may include a picture or drawing of your mission. The report should be neatly bound in a binder or report cover.

2. *Table of Contents*

Be sure to number every page in your report in order. Then create a table of contents with the major sections of your report so that someone could quickly find the part they were looking for.

3. *Map of Mission location*

Use the map outline provided or create your own. Put a star on the map where your mission is located and label it.

4. *Mission History*

This will be the written part of your report. Use the outline on the next page to write a multiple paragraph report telling about the history of your particular mission. Use lots of detail. Feel free to add other important information you find that may not be on the outline. This should be either typed or written in your neatest writing with correct grammar and punctuation. **Be sure to write in your own words! Do not copy directly off of the internet. I can tell!**

5. *Colorful Drawing of the Mission*

Draw and color a picture of the outside of your mission.

6. *Life in the Mission*

Write a paragraph telling what life was like for the Indians on the mission. Be sure to use lots of details, as well as correct grammar and punctuation. (See the **extra credit** option at the bottom of the next page.)

7. *Bibliography*

On this page you must have a list of ALL the sources (book, encyclopedia, internet site, etc.) you used to get information or pictures for your report.

Mission History

Paragraph 1

What is the full name of your mission? How did your mission get its name? What does the name of your mission mean? When was your mission founded? What number mission was it?

Paragraph 2

Where is your mission located (near what city today)? Why was it built in this location? Were there any nearby presidios or pueblos? Who was the padre in charge of building your mission? How long did it take to build? Were there any problems during building?

Paragraph 3

What were the major buildings on the mission grounds? What were they for? How many people lived on the mission? Who were they? Tell about the jobs people did on your mission. Was your mission successful? Why or why not?

Paragraph 4

Tell about any disasters (earthquake, fire, flood, drought) or other problems (like Indian revolts) your mission had. Was it rebuilt or abandoned? What is your mission like today? Is it still there? Is it used for anything? If so, what? If not, what is there now?

Paragraph 5 (optional)

If you were able to visit your mission, tell all about your experience.

For **extra credit**, instead of writing a paragraph for the **Life in the Mission** section, you may wish to do the following: *Pretend you were a Native American living on your mission. Write a personal narrative telling about what happened one day on your mission.*

First coming to the mission

Praying

Jobs

Freedom to come and go

Staying with your family

Schooling

Foods

Punishments

Games/Toys

Clothing

Feelings about what is happening

Illnesses

Escaping

Language

Changing names

Bells ringing

Mission Report Grading Sheet

Mission Report

1. Colorful Cover _____ (3 pts.)
2. Table of Contents _____ (3 pts.)
3. Map of Mission location _____ (2 pts.)
4. Mission History _____ (25 pts.)
5. Colorful Drawing of the Mission _____ (2 pts.)
6. Life in the Mission _____ (15 pts.)
7. Bibliography _____ (5 pts.)

Mission Project

1. Neatness/Effort _____ (10 pts.)

Total _____ (65 pts.)

The due date for the project and report is *Monday, March 25, 2013*.

Please return your report and project on time. Any project not received on this due date will be given one grade lower for each day that it is late. (Absence on the due date will NOT be an exception.)

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I have read the Mission Project requirements with my child and will support them in completing the project on time.

Student: _____ Parent: _____

Mission: _____ Project: _____