

Term 3 Homework

How do events in America impact on Britain today?

Your task is to research and create a presentation about an American state. This will then be shared with your class during the last week of term. The subject of your presentation is of your choosing - you may have learnt about a particular state at school and be keen to find out more, but you must include geographical and cultural information. Do try to choose something that interests you though, as this will make your presentation more enjoyable for yourself and your audience.

Success criteria:

- To research an American state.
- To present information to an audience (your presentation should last no more than five minutes).
- To be able to talk about its physical and human features, culture and significant people who are from there.
- To give information in your own words - do not copy and paste!
- To speak clearly to the audience - not simply read from a sheet or PowerPoint.

Tasks to be completed:

- Decide which state you would like to research and decide on a main heading and slide headings for your PowerPoint or presentation.
- Write an introduction to explain what your presentation will be about. (You could include: what you have chosen to talk about; why you have chosen this subject and what you will include in your presentation.)
- Take your slide headings and create the sections of your presentation on these areas. (Remember that you can include photos, images etc. If you are doing a PowerPoint do not simply copy and paste information; it must be in your own words.)
- Read through and practise your presentation, checking it makes sense and that you can confidently present it. Also, practise the timings to make sure it lasts no more than five minutes. (If you are using PowerPoint, ensure that there are no mistakes on your slides.)
- Remember that this is not a **reading** task but a presentation. You are expected to present to the class, not read to them.
- As with all homework projects, we expect you to spend 40-60 minutes per week on this project. (Please speak to your teacher if there is a problem gaining access to a computer at home and you need to do it at school.)

You may find this website useful: <http://www.atozkidsstuff.com/states.html>

American States

Alabama	Montana
Alaska	Nebraska
Arizona	Nevada
Arkansas	New Hampshire
California	New Jersey
Colorado	New Mexico
Connecticut	New York
Delaware	North Carolina
Florida	North Dakota
Georgia	Ohio
Hawaii	Oklahoma
Idaho	Oregon
Illinois	Pennsylvania
Indiana	Rhode Island
Iowa	South Carolina
Kansas	South Dakota
Kentucky	Tennessee
Louisiana	Texas
Maine	Utah
Maryland	Vermont
Massachusetts	Virginia
Michigan	Washington
Minnesota	West Virginia
Mississippi	Wisconsin
Missouri	Wyoming

