Remember the Alamo



The main character in The Scholarship Jacket is a Mexican-American girl who lives in Texas. The history of Tejanos, or Texas Americans, dates back more than 200 years. As early as 1731, Tejanos established a ranch community in what was then northeastern Mexico. About 100 years later, Mexico invited immigrants from the US to settle in the region. The Tejanos and the immigrants eventually joined forces to fight for their independence from Mexico, and in 1845, Texas became part of the United States. Mexicans continued migrating to Texas, but they often faced discrimination. Today over 7 million residents of Texas are Mexican-Americans.

Create a Newspaper Article detailing the events of the Tejanos' fight for independence.

Step One: Read resources provided to find out more about the Tejanos' fight for independence. Highlight the most important information. Investigate:

- Where it took place
- When it took place
- Why it took place
- Who was involved
- What happened

- Words that must be included: The Alamo, Texas Revolution, Sam Houston, Santa Anna, Stephen Austin, Davy Crockett

Step TWO: Write rough draft of a newspaper article (using rough draft organizer) as if you were reporting during the time of the Tejanos' fight for independence. Article must be:

- At least five paragraphs
- Written in a newspaper template, in either Word or Pages (format attached)
- Accompanied by a side a side article (at least15 sentences) detailing a relevant topic/event

Step Three: Have a classmate edit your newspaper article. Make edits before showing Ms. Curry.

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Remember the Alamo Rubric

Use this rubric while you are completing your project AND especially after you complete it to make sure you did not miss anything. You will review this rubric with Ms. Curry when you are presenting your project. **You should have a score circled for each category BEFORE showing your project to Ms. Curry.** A project with any Bronze scores will not pass the oral exam. Meet with Ms. Curry to help you improve any Bronze scores.

Category	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Resources	☐ I have researched about all the relevant information to the Alamo, including: the where, when, why, how, who, what. This information is highlighted/noted in my resources. ☐ I have researched about each necessary person/event that must be included in my article (The Alamo, Texas Revolution, Sam Houston, Santa Anna, Stephen Austin, Davy Crockett). This information is highlighted/noted in my resources.		☐ I have researched about all the relevant information to the Alamo, including: the where, when, why, how, who, what. This information is not highlighted/noted in my resources. ☐ I have researched about each necessary person/event that must be included in my article (The Alamo, Texas Revolution, Sam Houston, Santa Anna, Stephen Austin, Davy Crockett). This information is not highlighted/noted in my resources.
Newspaper Article	☐ I have written at least five paragraphs. ☐ I have a hook enticing readers to read my article. ☐ Each paragraph has a topic sentence with evidence from the resources supporting it. ☐ My paragraphs contain specific facts, details, direct text from the resources I read. ☐ I have included a relevant side article (at least 15 sentences long)	☐ I have written at least paragraphs. ☐ I have a hook enticing readers to read my article. ☐ Each paragraph has a topic sentence with evidence from the resources supporting it. ☐ My paragraphs contain specific facts and details from the resources I read. ☐ I have included a relevant side article (at least 10 sentences long)	☐ I have written less than four paragraphs. ☐ I do not have a hook enticing readers to read my article. ☐ Each paragraph does not have a topic sentence with evidence from the resources supporting it. ☐ My paragraphs do not contain specific facts, details, direct text from the resources I read. ☐ I have not included a relevant side article (at least 10 sentences long)
Presentation of Article	☐ I have included a creative title for the newspaper AND article. ☐ I have included AT MOST three pictures. ☐ I completed my newspaper article in a Word/Pages newspaper template.	☐ I did not include a creative title for the newspaper AND article. ☐ I have included more than three pictures. ☐ I completed my newspaper article in a Word/Pages newspaper template.	☐ I did not include a creative title for the newspaper AND article. ☐ I have included more than three pictures. ☐ I did not complete my newspaper article in a Word/Pages newspaper template.
Effort	☐ I am proud of my work and want to show it off.	☐ I am proud of my work.	☐ This is not the best work I have completed. I could have done better.