



## INSTRUMENT RESEARCH PROJECT

Each student in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will research an instrument that will be assigned to them. They will be given 2-3, 50 minute class periods to conduct their research and complete the project (including typing the paper and making the poster). This will include time in the computer lab.

The project requires a small poster (shaped like a castle and provided in class) and a 2 page (minimum) paper consisting of the following.

- Title and Name of Student. Center the title of your paper by using the name of you instrument in no larger than 20pt Times New Roman font. Your name should in the upper right hand corner in no larger than 14pt Time New Roman font.
- Content. Using proper sentences, paragraph form. Describe the instrument (how it looks and sounds) and where it came from/how it developed (history). The content part of your paper must be typed using 14pt Times New Roman font, double spaced and 1 inch margins surrounding the content. \*You may have more than one page of content if you wish!\*
- Bibliography. This will be your second page. Using correct citation form, site ALL of your sources.
- Presentation. All students will give a short 3-5 min presentation on their instrument. You may not use your paper on this presentation, however you are allowed to use note cards. You must show pictures of your instrument and summarize your paper. (A sound example is optional)

**Your project (paper and castle poster) is due by the beginning of class on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. \*You may turn your project in earlier, but please make sure I know it belongs to you.**

**Presentations will also begin on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. (In random order)**

## Example Paper (Title in 20pt Times New Roman)

This is the example font that should be used for the content portion of your paper. The content should fill one entire page. Remember to use complete sentences and divide your thoughts into paragraphs. (Content is in 12pt Times New Roman)

Your content should be one full page. That means your last sentence should be at the end of the paper. You may have more than one page if you wish.

## Bibliography

The final page of your project should list all of your sources that you used for your research.  
Here is the form I would like you to use for each time of source.

### Basic Book

Author's name (last, first). The title of the book, underlined. The place of publication: the publisher, date.

Ex. Tan, Amy. The Bonesetter's Daughter. New York: Putnam, 2001.

### Encyclopedia or Dictionary Entry

Author's name (last, first) (if known). "The title of the selection" The title of the encyclopedia, underlined. The edition. Date.

Ex. Posner, Rebecca. "Romance Languages." The New Encyclopedia Britannica: Macropaedia. 15<sup>th</sup> ed. 1987.

### A Web Site

Author's name (last, first) (if known). Title of the site, underlined. Date of publication or last update. Date you accessed it and the URL.

Ex. Peterson, Susan Lynn. The Life of Martin Luther. 1999. 9 Mar, 2001  
<http://pweb.netcom.com/~supeters/luther.htm>

If you have other resources that you use and need to know how to site them, I will be happy to tell you.