

Western Explorer Comic Book

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30 pts. possible

Directions

For this project, you will need to select an explorer of America's western frontier and research his/her experiences as an explorer, in order to report on those adventures using the format of a comic book. Your textbook and classroom wall maps or atlases will be excellent sources for ideas of explorers.

Format

Your Comic book must meet the following format before it can be considered for any points:

1. It must have a front and back cover.
2. It must be in color (using a full array of colors as appropriate)
3. It must be 8 ½ X 11 inches in size.
4. It must include at least three two sided pages (total of 6 sides) not counting the covers.
5. It must be formatted so that consecutive panels tell the story of the explorer's adventure.
6. It must include a minimum of 12 different panels, sized and positioned to utilize the whole page.
7. It must use thought and speech bubbles and action words in a traditional comic book manner.
8. No stick figures may be used.
9. This Rubric must accompany the finished comic book.

Your comic book must meet the following criteria in order to earn the full number of possible points.

Neatness: The goal is to create a professional looking comic book that shows careful attention to detail and serious artistic effort. The comic book will earn points according to how professional and artistic it appears.

Creativity: The goal is to envision and create an interesting plotline to show the major events in your explorer's travels. Your work should show creativity, in the artwork, dialog and story line. If your explorer made unique discoveries or came into contact with other historical characters (native, political, other explorers, etc.) you would want to use these events and characters in your story.

Information: The goal is to accurately represent the important events in the life of your character. While you may embellish your explorer's true history a bit with an occasional bear attack or the like to make the comic book exciting, the relevant information about the explorer's journeys and accomplishments must be not only accurate, but complete in it's sharing of the explorer's contributions to American history.

Grading

Neatness 0-10 pts. _____

Creativity 0-10 pts. _____

Information 0-10 pts. _____

Total Score _____