**Photo Story – China Edition!**

Greetings Historians! Each of you has been assigned a very important aspect of ancient Chinese culture and history. For this project, you must research this topic and then use the information you gather to create a detailed documentary about your topic. Your documentary should discuss the important people, events and details regarding your topic in history.

The program you will be using to create this documentary will be PhotoStory 3. A historical documentary is where the historian becomes the STORY TELLER, and just like in a good storybook, there are illustrations of primary and secondary sources to go along with the story being told. We will be creating the project in class, however, in order to create your documentary you will need to work on your own to complete additional tasks.

To complete this PhotoStory project, you will need to

1. Collect a minimum of **15** pictures, that will visually help you tell your story.
2. Create a script of the narration you will use in your documentary. This script should be typed and display your research in a creative, clear, and accurate way. Think of your script like a movie/play script that includes the “lines” to be spoken during each of your photos. It’s like telling a story about your project and then dividing that story into bits that are to be spoken over each of your photos.
3. Add custom effects, such as transitions, motion and special editing to make your documentary professional and engaging.
4. Record a clear and professional “voice-over” narration using equipment provided.
5. Add custom music to your documentary to add the appropriate “tone” throughout your story.
6. You will also need to create a five- question multiple choice video quiz/slide to go along with your project that asks simple multiple choice questions based on information discussed in your documentary.
7. Finally, an MLA bibliography of at least **5 sources** must be turned in with your project.

**PhotoStory3 Grade Sheet**

15 Pictures **15pts** Earned:

Narration **20pts** Earned:

Visual Quality/Editing **15pts** Earned:

Script/Historical Content **35pts** Earned:

Bibliography **10pts** Earned:

Quiz **5pts** Earned:

**Project Schedule**

* + **Day 1:** Research Your Topic
  + **Day 2:** Research Your Topic/Narration Script
  + **Day 3**: Create Narration Script
  + **Day 4:** Create Narration Script/Picture Gathering
  + **Day 5:** Picture Gathering/Begin PhotoStory 3 Project
  + **Day 6:** PhotoStory 3 Project/Record Narration
  + **Day 7:** Record Narration/Finalize Projects

**\*\*\* It is expected that you be working on this project at home each night – researching, photo-gathering and writing you narration script!\*\*\***

Projects must be uploaded to OneDrive and shared with Mr. Rousseau no later than **March 9th**!

Using Photo Story 3

**Opening the Program:**

1. Select: “Start”
2. Select: “Programs”
3. Select: “Photo Story 3 for Windows”
4. Select: “Begin a new story”
5. Select: “Next”

**Creating Save Folder on OneDrive**

1. Open: ClassLink
2. Open: “Office365”
3. Select: “OneDrive”
4. Select: “New”
5. Select: “Folder”
6. Label your folder with the name of your topic.

\**You will save all of your photos, word documents and the actual project to this folder.\**

**Making Your PhotoStory**

1. Select: “Import pictures from file” – Use this feature over and over again until you have imported all the photos for your project
2. Select: “Remove black borders” once you have finished importing your pictures. The object is to get rid of any black borders, but if the picture doesn’t look good afterwards, leave the borders! =)
3. Put your pictures in the correct order using the arrows on the right or simply by dragging them into place.
4. Add a title page to introduce yourself and your topic. You may add text/titles whichever pictures you choose, however, I don’t recommend doing so. Your narration should explain everything and words can be distracting!)
5. “Customize the Motion” of your pictures so that they zoom in and out or scroll as you like.
6. To narrate, you must speak what you want your viewer to hear on each photo. This is where your script comes in handy. When speaking into the microphone, hold it about a foot away from your mouth and always listen to what you just recorded so make sure it actually picked up your voice!
7. *Save your file to One Drive (FREQUENTLY!) - Do not rename it every time!!!*
8. You may add music as long as it is soft and we can still clearly hear your narration.
9. Be sure to do the last big save which changes the format of the video so that Windows Media Player can play it. Save the file as the name of your group/topic title.
10. Then, upload your finished project to OneDrive and “share” the file with Mr. Rousseau. If that doesn’t work, email it as an attachment to Mr. Rousseau and title the email with Your Name/Period/Topic Title.

HELPFUL TIP:

When in the Computer Lab, **USE THE SAME COMPUTER** everyday. Do not switch computers.

Please ask questions if you’re confused!

**China PhotoStory Checklist**

**What do I need to turn in?**

* Printed out copy of bibliography in MLA format with a minimum of 5 sources.
* Printed out copy of your narration. Your narration should include the title of your project and your name(s). It should tell the story of your topic from beginning to end and show what will be said on each of your 15+ slides.
* *ex*. Slide 1: This is Wu Zetian. She was born into a rich and noble family in 624AD. Although she began her life as a humble noble woman, she would go on to rule one of China’s greatest dynasties – the Tang.

Slide 2: The Tang dynasty lasted from 618 to 906 AD. During its rule women enjoyed a great deal more freedom than in years past. The practice binding a woman’s feet became unpopular and many woman no longer lead submissive lives. Instead, it was a time in which a number of exceptional women contributed in areas of cultures and politics.

*(You will have at least 15 of these slide narrations in your final script)*.

* 5 question quiz at the end of your project. Have each question last for at least 20 seconds so that students have a chance to read and answer each question. Come to class with the answers to your quiz on a separate sheet of paper!
* PhotoStory project published (converted to a movie file) and uploaded to the OneDrive. Title your project with your name and your topic in the title. Be sure to publish your project so it plays as a windows movie file and not a PhotoStory file! Then, send this finished file to Mr. Rousseau on OneDrive or as an email attachment.

**All of these things are due in class March 9th**! I’m looking forward to seeing all of your creativity come to life!