**AP European History – Final Project – Dream Trip to Europe**

**Objective:**

Students will work individually to research and plan a *7-day trip to a European city and its surround area*, based on a budget of $*2500* for each person. Students will learn the basics of how to travel by researching the following:

 Passport / Visa application

 Round-trip flights to Europe

 Packing effectively for the season & place (there are weight and suitcase restrictions, as well as different kinds of weather, be aware of them)

 Ground transportation / inter-nation transportation

 Accommodations and food *(two meals per day)*

 Entertainment and sightseeing

 Souvenirs / gifts for folks back home

 Budgeting and record keeping

After research completion students plan and execute their trip, creating a diary / daily record (hard copy,

power-point or similar program) of each trip phase, complete with photos and other artifacts of each location to be presented *prior to and* during finals week. Also, students will correctly cite sources and include

a “Works Cited” page in MLA format.

**Assumptions:**

For the sake of this project we will assume that you are an adult and able to apply for and / or purchase

travel documents, rent a car (if desired), rooms, etc. and that you have all necessary clothing and sundries

**Directions:**

 *Download, complete & scan* the required passport / visa application(s) OR scan a picture of your current / valid passport

 *Decide which city / region you will travel to, the sights to be seen and the activities to be experienced*

 Research & make “arrangements” for any flights, ground transportation, accommodations, shows,

events, museums, activities, etc.

 Construct a packing list for each of your bags (1 suitcase & 1 carry-on) & its approximate weight….

It needs to be realistic based on the season & places visited

 Construct an itinerary of each day’s travel, place visited and / or activity planned

 Decide and obtain money for your initial few days (Shop the exchange rate & fees)

 Decide how you will obtain money to pay for ongoing expenses, how often and how much you need for each day / week – ATM? Credit card? Other?

 Keep an accurate record of ALL your expenses on the budget form provided, rounded to the nearest $5

 Construct a diary of your anticipated experiences, listing the date, location, activity and any personal comments; *two (2) activities* per day is realistic.

 Complete a “Works Cited” page of at least five (5) different sources, according to MLA format (For example, airline, train, rent-a-car, hotel / bed & breakfast / pensions / inns – travel websites, national tourist bureaus, museums, VRBO sites, youth hostels, sightseeing tours, etc)

**Project Requirements:**

 A power-point style presentation of 12-15 slides that explains each day of your trip with bullet style info, a relevant photo / visual and diary comment.

o Cover / title page / slide,

o Packing list & passport page / slide,

o Itinerary page / slide that shows your **overall plan** for each day of the trip (bullet points OR

in table format),

o Each day’s record / diary page / slide that shows the activities and costs involved (7 total,

visual support for each activity) and a quick relevant quote

o Budget record page slide that summarizes the expenses for the trip BY DAY (food, activity, accommodation, transportation, etc.),

o Works cited page / slide in MLA format

 A 1 ½ to 2 page typed reflection that summarizes why you chose these activities, the trip planning process, what you learned about travel in general and any hopes of future travels.

**AP Euro Travel Project Budget Form:**

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| Description / Location /Itinerary Activity | Less Expense Amount ($) | Equals Balance ($) |
| Beginning Balance |  | $2500 |
| Pre-Trip Expenses-Passport / Visa-Airfare Purchase-Currency Exchange-Airport Transportation |  |  |
| Day 1: Travel to Europe |  |  |
| Day 2: |  |  |
| Day 3: |  |  |
| Day 4: |  |  |
| Day 5: |  |  |
| Day 6: |  |  |
| Day 7: Travel Home |  |  |
| Final Balance |  | $ |

**AP Euro Travel Project Assessment Rubric:**

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| **Written Tasks** | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| **Pre-Trip****Planning &****Packing List** | All taskscompleted in ahigh quality manner | All tasks completedin an acceptablemanner | Most taskscompleted inacceptable manner | Some taskscompleted inacceptable manner |
| **Itinerary &****Budget****Record** | Itinerary & budgetfully completed ina high quality manner | Itinerary & budgetfully completed inan acceptable manner | Itinerary & budgetmostly completed inacceptable manner | Itinerary & budgetsomewhatcompleted in acceptable manner |
| **Daily Record** | Daily records fully& accurately maintained indetail | Daily records mostly& accurately completed in detail | Daily recordssomewhat completed withadequate detail | Daily recordsminimally completed withdetail |
| **Works Cited****(5) Required in MLA****Format** | Citations are fullyaccurate with a minimum of 5sources | Citations are mostlyaccurate with a minimum of 5sources | Has 3-4 sources,citations mostly correctly cited | Has less than 3sources, citations somewhat accurate |
| **Summary** | Fully covers why,the process &your learning in anadvanced manner | Mostly covers why,the process & your learning in aproficient manner | Somewhat coverswhy, the process &your learning in abasic manner | Minimally coverswhy, the process &your learning in alow quality manner |
| **Oral****Presentation** | Presentation flowswith exceptional energy throughout | Presentation flowswith good energy, a few minor glitches | Presentation flowswith average energy, significant glitches | Presentation flowspoorly, poor energy, major glitches |
| **Voice /****Clarity** | Voice is clear andaudiblethroughout | Voice is mostly clearand audible | Voice is somewhatclear and audible | Voice is minimallyclear and audible |
| **Content** | Content is fullyexplained withgreat detail | Content is mostlyexplained with gooddetail | Content issomewhat explained | Content is minimallyexplained |
| **Total Score** | >> | >> | >> | /40 |

