

## Unit Project 3 – Castle History

Due: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### Design and Production

For our 3<sup>rd</sup> unit project, we will write a history of the castle we are building in SketchUp. Here are some guidelines and the requirements for the project.

#### Guidelines:

This will be a fictionalized historical account of your castle. You will need to describe a timeline of its construction and existence, a history of the family (or families) who lived and ruled in the castle, as well as major events in the history such as wars and battles.

- The first paragraph should introduce and describe the castle's name, location, and the year it was built and when it was at its height of power. This should be between the year 900 and 1300 AD for most castles (star shaped fortresses were more like 1400-1500)
  - Possible countries:
    - England, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Netherlands, Switzerland – any Western European country
  - You can pick a country first to begin writing, and then research details about it to fill this paragraph out, describe the region and local geography, etc.
- The Second paragraph should describe the castle itself. What does it look like? What features does it have (walls, Keep, towers, drawbridge, etc)?
- The Third and Fourth paragraphs should introduce and describe the family who ruled at the Castle and their history. Who was the first in the family line to rule, did they build the castle or inherit it/conquer it from someone else? From whom? Did their descendents have power struggles – multiple sons in line for power who fought each other for control?
- The next 2-3 paragraphs should describe the history of some battles or struggles the castle took part in – Castles were built to defend in war after all! If you want to pick a partner to engage in a battle with, you can discuss the details of the battle and then write the story of it from the two different perspectives – one winner and one loser. **YOU MUST DESCRIBE AT LEAST TWO BATTLES.** What was the reason for the battle (land, political power in the country, resources, gold, a fight over a marriage, there are many possible reasons).
- Your final paragraph should be a description of the decline in power of the castle or the various functions it held as history moved forward, either when the castle was conquered or when the political situation changed and the castle was no longer used for war or for a family's home. What is the Castle used for today? A museum, still a home, etc?

#### Requirements:

- **Minimum 750 words** – this is about 2 - 2.5 pages double spaced, typed. This project **MUST BE TYPED**. Use Word Count to check your length and put the word count at the top of your paper.
- **Please stay historical!** No major modern sports games were played in the 1200's at these castles! Knight battles, Jousting competitions, etc are OK. Lets stay grounded in reality, but have fun with it!
- Required Sections:
  - **Introduction - 1P, Castle Description - 1P, Family/personal history - 2P, Battles/Wars - 2+P, Conclusion - 1P = total minimum 7 paragraphs**

Email me at [design.aeci@gmail.com](mailto:design.aeci@gmail.com) with any questions you have over the break so you can continue working on this.

**Grading rubric on reverse side.**

**Grading Rubric:**

	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Progressing</b>	<b>Accomplished</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>
Responses to Prompt Questions <b>Q</b>	<b>Very Few</b> required sections from the Guidelines are included or little detail	<b>Few</b> required sections from the Guidelines are included with some detail	<b>About half</b> required sections from the Guidelines are included with good detail	<b>Most</b> required sections from the Guidelines are included and well detailed	<b>All</b> required sections from the Guidelines are included and well detailed.
Requirements <b>R</b>	<b>Requirements not met</b> - length, format, topic	<b>Few requirements met</b> - length, format, topic	<b>About half the requirements are met</b> - length, format, topic	<b>Requirements mostly met</b> - length, format, topic	<b>Requirements completely met</b> - length, format, topic
Composition and effectiveness of writing <b>W</b>	<b>Composition and writing not acceptable</b> - student does not present information that has been organized clearly	<b>Composition and writing need improvement</b> - student presents information that has some noticeable organization problems	<b>Acceptable</b> composition and writing - student presents information that has been organized logically, but with some parts that are not entirely clear	<b>Good</b> composition and <b>effective writing</b> - student presents information that has mostly been organized clearly.	<b>Very strong</b> composition and <b>very effective writing</b> - student presents information that has been organized in a clear, understandable way