

2019-2020 Summer Assignment

Honors Global Insights

Cony High School

My Life in ABC's

Your job over the summer is to create a book representing your lifestyle and experiences. Your ABC book should be about **YOU** and **GEOGRAPHY** (classes, places you have visited, places you want to visit, things you have learned, your cultural heritage, where you live, experiences, etc.). This book will tell about your life through the lens of Geography **and** you as a person. ABC books are made for children. Choose an age to target (6-12 years old). *This will be your first major grade in Honors Global Insights. Due the first day of school in AUGUST or at this point whenever we get there.* If your class is scheduled for 2nd Semester I will collect it when I see you. If you would like to pass it in earlier so you don't misplace your masterpiece than you can drop it off in my room. Room 104 right next to the elevators downstairs.

ABC Book Rubric Criteria:

I have included a Rubric for you to use as you put this together. Make sure you understand that each section will be graded accordingly and will culminate in your 1st grade for HGI. It will go in as a project grade. You will have worked hard and will be amply rewarded for your endeavor!

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE PLAGERISM FORM AND TURN IT IN WITH YOUR BOOK!

Required Elements:

- One page per letter (8 ½X11 only)
- Title on the front of the book with illustration(s)
- 26 letters of the alphabet with a **minimum of FIVE (5) complete sentences** written about each letter - front of paper only. Can be more if you want.
- Title on each page (example: A is for Australia, A-Z)
- Illustration(s) and /or photo(s) for each letter (in color) - if taken from internet must be cited.
- Book must be bound in some format for pass in. Scrapbook, notebook etc. I will leave the choice up to you how you would like to present your final book.

Presentation:

- Illustrations neat with original artwork in color and/or color photographs. (Photos may be yours or from websites. Please cite the website by printing the entire web address beneath the photo.) It is OK to use someone else's pictures please make sure you give them proper credit for them.
- Typed (Font of your choice, make sure I can read it)
- Theme is clearly evident (For example: A-Z represents places you have visited or want to visit, or A-Z represents places or people you have learned about in your lifetime) or a combination of these. Option is totally yours it is your book.
- Layout on each page balanced, neat, colorful, creative, and the entire page used for title, illustrations and sentences. Make someone want to read it!!!

Information:

- Complete sentences, correct punctuation, spelling, grammar, capitalization
- Factual and informative (interesting, correct, and thorough)
- Stays on topic (theme - see above)
- In your own words! No copying, cutting/pasting from books and/or internet (this is cheating and will result in a zero on the assignment).
- Edit (proofread) and have someone else proofread, have mom and dad or big sister read it.
- REMEMBER also that this task is Geography related. Make sure that the words and pictures you use open us up to the world around us!

I have included an example of a page and the setup. The only element that is missing is color.

Dear Incoming Cony Students and Parents,

I hope this book is something special students are proud to turn in and choose to keep for years to come. Closely follow the attached rubric as it will be used for grading purposes.

Hopefully, compiling this book will be an enjoyable and reflective experience. It should make students realize they already know a lot about the world due to study and experience. It should also help students get energized to study World Geography this coming school year. I look forward to reading your book and getting to know you through it!

Keep tuned in to current events as they unfold around the world this summer. As the new school year progresses much of the writing, reading and class discussion will be based around these current events as it relates to the areas we are studying.

Happy summer and welcome to Cony High School.



ABC BOOK RUBRIC

Name _____ Period _____

| Criteria | Does not Meet | Meets | Exceeds | Comments |
|---|---------------|-------|---------|----------|
| 26 letters (A-Z) 5 sentences per page | | | | |
| Title on each page | | | | |
| Illustration/photo at least 1 per page | | | | |
| Neat/clear Illustrations | | | | |
| Written clearly or Typed | | | | |
| Theme is evident | | | | |
| Complete sentences | | | | |
| Correct grammar punctuation, spelling | | | | |
| Factual & Informative | | | | |
| Creative & Interesting | | | | |
| Full name/picture on front cover | | | | |

PLAGIARISM

Any form of plagiarism will result in a zero for the **entire summer assignment**. The ABC book is designed to be written about your experiences either in class, in life, or both.

From the Student handbook

"ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to grade penalties on assignments or tests and disciplinary penalties in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and the home campus Academic Honesty Policy. Academic dishonesty includes cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judgment of the classroom teacher or another supervising professional employee, taking into consideration written materials, observation, or information from students. (EIA local)"

With my signature below, I declare this ABC book is in my own words and no one else's. I have taken my experiences and conveyed them in the ABC book without copying information from another source. *(While gathering information from a variety of sources is good, the information should then be combined along with personal experiences and written in your own words. Work should never be directly or indirectly copied.)* I understand I will earn a zero (0) for the entire assignment if any part of it is falsely represented.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have reviewed my child's summer assignment and believe it to be in his/her own words.

Parent Signature _____ Date _ _____

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Is for Australia



Australia is one of the most Exotic places on Earth. From koalas, kangaroos and wallabies to the beautiful coral reefs this island continent is one to see.

Take in a show at the famous Sydney Opera House, dine with the Australian Aborigines in the Outback and visit their most sacred site Ayers Rock.

National Parks and Big Cities round out the adventure. It is on my Bucket List of places to visit.