**Alaskan Regional Project**

Following our initial look at the different regions of Alaska; we will research and create a Diorama/poster project. We will be spending time in the library, computer lab, and in the classroom to work on this assignment.

**Project Direction:**

Students’ will chose a region and a topic regarding that region out of a hat on the first day of the project. After discovering their project topic, students will work in the library to research their topic and create their final project.

**Required End Product:**

* Diorama representing their region and topic
* Poster representing information and background on regional information
* Works cited information

**Grading:**

* Written Information, Images, and specific examples must be provided. Focus on the beauty and unique character of your region (**100 pts**)
* Presentation: Do not rely on your poster, KNOW your information; it is obvious when you don’t! Act as if you are a tour guide for your region. (**100 pts**)

**Regions:**

* Interior
* Southeast
* South-central
* Southwest
* Arctic
* Western

**Topics:**

* Native Peoples/ Culture
* Major Points of Interest
* Resources and Industry
* Physical Characteristics
* Historical events

 **\*\* Each topic will have its own rubric in order to better score the information.**

**Rubrics:**

**Native Peoples/ Culture:**

**Native people of the region ……………………………………………………………………………………..\_\_\_\_/25**

* Discuss the traditional native groups of this region, and their original history in the region
* Explain how the group lived traditionally, and if they are still present in the area today
* What was the livelihood of this group (hunt, gather, fish, trade, etc)

**Cultural traditions of native peoples. ………………………………………………..………………………\_\_\_\_/25**

* Explain ceremonies, celebrations, or religions the groups take part in

**Problems and concerns of native group…………………………………………………..………………...\_\_\_\_/25**

* Explain if the group is dying out, if there is legal matters occurring with the group, are they experiencing land loss, food shortages, etc.

**Modern population and diversity …………………………………………………………………………….\_\_\_\_/25**

* What is the modern population of the region? Is it diverse with many cultures, or primarily one?
* What are some of the major activities that the people of the region take part in now?

**Major Points of Interest:**

**Major Cities of the Region………………………………………………………………………………………..\_\_\_\_/50**

* Provide facts about the 3 largest cities of the region (population, largest industry of the region, and basic information regarding the initial founding and growth of these cities.

**Major Tourist Attractions/Sacred Spots………….………………………………………………………..\_\_\_\_/50**

* What draws people to the area? On average how many people visit the sacred spot/ or attraction yearly? Is there a charge to visit this attraction? Is tourism a major contributor to the region’s economy?

**Resources/ Industry:**

**Major industry of the region……………………………………………………………………………………\_\_\_\_/25**

* What are the major jobs in the region, Is there more than one? Explain the work they do and the dangers of the positions.

**Main resources of the region………………………………..…………………………………………………\_\_\_\_/25**

* What are the primary natural resources of the area are they tapped by the industry of the area to benefit the economy?

**Threats to the industry/resources……………………………………………………………………………\_\_\_\_/25**

* Is there a natural or man-made problem that is causing problems to the industry or resources? Is there any legal issues effecting the industry or its place in the region?

**Industry/effect on Alaskan economy………………………………………………………………………\_\_\_\_/25**

* Does the industry help the Alaskan economy? How much money does the industry or resource generally bring in? Could Alaska operate without it?

**Physical Characteristics:**

**Regional mountains……………………………………………………………………………………………\_\_\_\_\_/25**

* Name the major mountains/ or range of the region. Does this mountain rage have importance to the natives or even the modern population? Is the mountain part of the tourism industry?

**Major bodies of water……………………………………………………………………………………….\_\_\_\_\_/25**

* Name the major bodies of water (oceans, bays, rivers) of the region. Do these bodies of water have an effect on the industry of the region? Is the water important to the livelihood of the people of the region?

**National Parks/ Wildlife reserves ………………………………………………………………………\_\_\_\_\_/25**

* Name the primary National parks or Wildlife reserves. Provide the history of these parks/ reserves, and the size and importance of them.

**Threats………………………………………………..……………………………………………………………\_\_\_\_\_/25**

* Are any of these physical characteristics threatened by environmental problems? (Pollution, deforestation, etc) Are there any Governmental concerns or legal problems facing these areas?

**Historical Background:**

**First contact with western nations…………………………………………………………………….\_\_\_\_\_/50**

* Explain how the western nations first introduced their culture to the region, and how they treated the native peoples that were already there.

**History as American territory/ State…………………………………………………………………\_\_\_\_\_/50**

* Did your region take part in the Gold Rush? If so how was your region affected by the rush? Did your region experience a boom in any other mineral, and how did it affect that region historically? Was your region affected by WWII, what did the war bring to the state, and how did the region benefit/ decline? Did the discovery of oil effect your region? If so how?