**Ancestry Research Project**

**Project Overview:** Using the family tree given to you, you will conduct interviews of your family members and use online resources to trace your ancestry. As you research, be sure to document everything on your tree!

**Tips:**

 -List as much information as possible!! Birth dates, death dates, marriage dates, locations, etc. The more information you list, the more records that will be pulled!

 -For women, you may want to put their full name (including maiden). For example, my mother’s name is Carolyn Faye Mahan. However, in order to locate more records, I will type in Carolyn Faye *Marshall* Mahan so that records made prior to her marriage will be pulled. If a woman has been married more than once, try putting in all of her last names to get more records!

 -Be careful! Just because ancestry.com pulls a record for your uncle, John Doe, doesn’t mean it is the same John Doe! Check the birth year/date and location. If your uncle was born in the 1960s in Oregon but the record is for a John Doe born in 1800 in Virginia, it is probably not the same person!

 -Use the following websites to help you:

[www.ancestryclassroom.com](http://www.ancestryclassroom.com)

(must be accessed at school)

[www.records.ancestry.com](http://www.records.ancestry.com)

[www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

[www.libertyellisfoundation.org](http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org)

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com) (🡨 type in names, search for obituaries, etc.)

***Use the rubric on the following page to receive full credit.***

**Ancestry Research Rubric**

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| **Category** | **Excellent** | **Average** | **Needs Improvement** | **Points Awarded** |
| **Content** | *20-25 points possible***-**Student has compiled data as far back as 5 generations, although one to three people may be missing | *11-20 points possible***-**Student has compiled data as far back as 4 generations, although one to three people may be missing | *0-10 points possible***-**Student has compiled data as far back as 3 generations, although a few people are missing |  |
| **Accuracy** | *20-25 points possible***-**Most or all of the information listed is correct | *11-20 points possible***-**Some of the information listed is correct | *0-10 points possible***-**Very little of the information listed is correct |  |
| **Time Management** | *20-25 points possible***-**Student spent the majority of class time working on the project with very little distractions | *11-20 points possible***-**Student spent some of class time working on the project; there were a few distractions | *0-10 points possible***-**Student did very little work during class; was off task the majority of the time |  |
| **Appearance** | *20-25 points possible***-**The family tree is neat, organized, and legible | *11-20 points possible***-**The family tree is readable but has some organization issues and can be hard to read | *0-10 points possible***-**The family tree is very hard to read or illegible; organization needs to be worked on |  |
| **Total Points:** | **80-100** | **41-79** | **0-40** |  |