



Publishing our Catholic History

In our studying of the founding and history of St. Augustine, Florida (the oldest permanent European settlement in North America), we have studied that St. Augustine, Florida is also the oldest Catholic settlement in North America. To complete our study, you will work in a group to research and create a Catholic newspaper following the below format.

The purpose of this project is to highlight important people and events that identify our Catholic faith in North America began in St. Augustine, Florida.

Materials/Primary Resources:

Microsoft Publisher
Paper and colored pencils, crayons, markers, etc.
Photos/pictures for stories
See online resources

Procedures & Activities:

DAY 1-2:

- Review project and rubrics.
- Look at sample newspaper formats.
- As a group, decide on a title for your newspaper and design the front page layout.
- Work together and assign a story and a feature to each team member.



One article in the magazine must be biographical (Fr. Lopez, Fr. Miguel O'Reilly, Bishop Augustin Verot, or Sisters of St. Joseph); the others will describe issues and events (Shrine, Cathedral, First Mass, Mission San Luis, missions in Florida, Catholic education, or others as approved by teacher).

Feature news can be fact lists, puzzles, "editorial", or calendar of events. (Be creative here.)

DAY 3-5:

- Work on research for your articles and feature parts (using books, handouts from class, or online resources –listed below).
- Work on your stories.
- Share and edit with members of your group.
- As a group, decide the specific layout for your newspaper (where stories and pictures will go).

DAY 6-7

- Write story.
- In your group, assemble the newspaper for “publishing”

Conclusion: As a class, we will discuss the particular issues and events students used to design their newspaper and how the issues or events had an impact on Florida. We will display each newspaper.

Online Resources:

Diocese of St. Augustine: <http://www.DOSAFL.com> (About Us)

Cathedral Parish: www.thefirstparish.org

O’Reilly Museum: <http://www.oreillyhours.org>

Nombre de Dios Shrine: <http://www.missionandshrine.org>

Mission San Luis: <http://www.missionsanluis.org>

Sisters of St. Joseph: <http://www.ssjfl.org>

Textbook Resources (in class/library):

My World: Florida	Person Publishing (Class textbook)
Florida: A Short History	Dr. Michael Gannon
Beyond the Call	Sr. Thomas Joseph McGoldrick, SSJ
Cross and Crozier	Dr. Charles Gallagher
Cacique	Bishop Robert Baker (see teacher)

You may also use any handouts we reviewed in class.

Rubrics is attached.

Newspaper Rubric

Group Members

Assignments

Title of Newspaper: _____

Articles: 30 points (per student)	
21-30	Information is accurate, sufficient detail, organized and easy to read
11-20	Information is accurate, somewhat sufficient detail, or organization lacking
0-10	Information is not accurate, insufficient detail, or not well organized.
Features: 20 points (per student)	
14-20	Information is accurate, sufficient detail, demonstrates creativity
8-14	Information is accurate, detail or creativity is lacking
0-7	Information is not accurate, lacking detail and/or creativity
Overall Group Work: 20 points	
14-20	Students shared the work, each had responsibilities, and worked well
8-14	Students shared the work, each had responsibilities although not equally, and somewhat worked well (teacher had to step in)
0-7	Students did not share the work, did not share responsibilities, and/or did not work well
Visual Quality: 20 points	
14-20	Newspaper is original, neat and creative; visual material is appropriate to topic; good spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure
8-14	two of three of the above criteria are present
0-7	one or none of the above criteria are present
Bibliography: 10 points	
8-10	more than three sources are properly cited
5-7	three sources are properly cited
0-4	less than three sources are cited or are not properly cited