

Biome Project

Part 1-Form a group

- This is a group project. You will not receive credit if you don't work in a group. Each group will design a digital product around a biome. Groups based on the biomes have been setup in BeachBoard. You will pick your own groups. Each person needs to enroll into one group. Each group will have 3 to 4 people so once the group reaches this maximum capacity you cannot join that group. Once you join a group you will have access to the discussion board, 3 dropboxes (for the required submittal of information to me), and locker for your group. Please use the discussion board to communicate with your group members. (Particularly in the beginning of the project) This allows a common point of contact and ensures that no one gets lost in social media madness. The dropboxes are used to submit required information. See grading below for a summary of point distribution of the project. By April 11th everyone needs to be enrolled into a group and submit the required paperwork to begin the process. See below for grading of each step of this project and submittal dates for each step. You will choose your group based on the list of biomes below.

- List of biomes
 - Tropical Rainforest
 - Savanna and Tropical Dry Forest
 - Desert and Semi-desert
 - Mediterranean AKA Chaparral
 - Temperate Grasslands
 - Temperate and Deciduous Forest
 - Boreal Forest AKA Coniferous Forest
 - Tundra

Part 2: Research

- You will research your biome by searching google under biomes. Also use chapter 11 in your book or any other reliable resources on the web. Key words to search for include biomes or the particular name of your biome.

Part 3-Biome Project

- The group will construct a brochure, newsletter, Power Point slide show, or Prezi presentation based on your research. You can use Microsoft Word or Microsoft PowerPoint and the One Drive available to all students for free at CSULB. Use of One Drive allows you to share your work and therefore work on one product. This will help facilitate the process. If you feel more comfortable using google docs that could also be used or any other software where you can share work.
- The completed project is required to have the following information describing your biome: location in the world, vegetation known as flora, and animals known as fauna, human effects (please be specific) on the biome, and climate. You are allowed to use pictures/images from the web but you do need to include the reference. The text you create should be original; not plagiarized. Beachboard can detect if your text has been plagiarized. **Do** include references within the project for the **text**. Your project should be part visual and part text orientated. Make your audience feel that they are experiencing that biome. To give an idea of length the PowerPoint should be no longer than 15 slides. The audience would like to feel immersed but not overwhelmed.

- It is also recommended that you include miscellaneous information on your biome that maybe of interest to the class. A word about human effects. This means the particular effects that humans have on your biome. Be very specific. For example, many people just put in global warming but don't specifically say how this affects their biome.
You will also need to include a bibliography for your project. You need to use APA or MLA citation format. It is at your discretion whether to submit the Bibliography separate or within the digital project. Be sure to submit the project as a Microsoft or pdf file. Also note it does take some time to submit the project via Beachboard, be patient. It can accept up to 20 MB.

Grading

Assessment of the project will be based on participation, accuracy of information, completeness, understanding, creativity, grammar and syntax, and effort. The biome project is worth 40 points total. The individual steps and submittal dates are indicated below.

- 1) Initial organization of project-5 points Due **April 11th** To receive full credit for this section of the project you need to enroll in a group and join the discussion board where your group needs to come to a consensus on division of labor. Please fill out the initial organization of project form and submit it as a word document or pdf document into the dropbox. (one per group)
- 2) Midway check-in of project- 5 points. (**April 25th**) You will need to submit a pdf (one per group) into the dropbox showing your progression on the project. For example, you would submit a pdf of your PowerPoint into the dropbox if you are working in that software format. This is an individual grade. To get credit you need to show progress on your section of the project.
- 3) Digital Product- 25 points (Due **May 9th**) Submit your final product into the dropbox along with the final product paperwork. (one per group)
- 4) Bibliography- 5 points (Due **May 9th**) Submit your final product in the dropbox. Can be included as part of number 3. (one per group)

Total= 40 points

Group Cooperation- **If I am consistently being told by group members you are not participating this will affect the grade of your project. Since each group member is assigned a topic if information on that topic is omitted then I will deduct points from that individual person rather than the group.** This also applies to plagiarized text. Unfortunately I have had instances of this. The turn it in function in Beachboard informs me if you have just copied and pasted text. If this happens I give the person who submitted the plagiarized text a zero for the project.