

Cereal Box Important People of Texas History Project

Objective: Students will construct a project on an important person in Texas History using an old cereal box. Each student is to select a figure from the Important People of Texas History list. After researching this figure, each student will then redesign the cereal box in honor of their person. The cereal box should be covered in paper and then redecorated in honor of this person.

Students will have Wednesday - Friday, May 13-15 in class to work on the project.

DUE DATE: Monday, May 18, 2015.

Requirements:

1. **Each side of the cereal box** must be redesigned with the exception of the small bottom panel of the box (one top, two sides, one front, and one back for a total of five parts to be redesigned).
2. **The box top** should include a brief reference to the most significant contribution that your figure made to Texas History. Don't go into detail here, but use a "grabber" to get your consumer interested in the event enough to read the back of your cereal box.
3. **The bottom of the box** should include your name and period.
4. **One side panel of your box** should include interesting quotes stated by your figure, and a brief description of the context in which they were said.
5. **The other side panel** of your box should include other interesting facts related to your figure's life. This could be any "trivial" information - important relatives, funny facts, strange occurrences, something odd about how the person died a funny campaign anecdote, etc.
6. **The front of the box** should include the name of your cereal box (something creative that relates to your historical figure) as well as a nice-sized picture of your historical figure. You can also attach other little slogans that have something to do with your figure. The front shouldn't be overly cluttered with information, but should be appealing to look at—enough so that one would want to take a look at what's on the back of the box.
7. **The back of the box** should include the most detailed information about your figure. Here you would include a biographical essay of your figure. You also need to include the historical events that your person contributed in Texas History. It should also include a brief disclaimer about any obvious faults that your hero had, but be certain to celebrate the things that made your person important to Texas History. The back of the box may also include small picture of your hero.
8. This information should be done neatly - with correct spelling, grammar, etc. It should be typed in a 12 point font (if typed) ---except for some of the larger headings or slogans. The typed information can then be taped or glued to the covered cereal box—done neatly. The finished product should look as appealing as a professionally-constructed cereal box—within reason, of course.
9. If your handwriting is not immaculate or extremely neat then typing is strongly suggested. 30 points will be deducted if the finished product contains any handwriting that is not neat or legible.
10. On the day that you turn the cereal boxes in, you will also be responsible for a 1-2 minute explanation of the project and the figure that you selected.
11. Be sure that all work is done in your own words. The only quotations allowed are those on the side panel of the box. All of the biographical and historical information must utilize your own thoughts, words and ideas.