

Student Guide

Introduction:

These next seven weeks you are going to work on a course about “Slavery in the USA”. This means that you are going to work at a certain project at school every week with the help of online tools. The course contains 6 units and you are going to work on one unit per week. You will also get one computer lesson each week in order to work on the assignments which you have to hand in online via SOMToday. Keep in mind that one hour in the computer room won’t be sufficient in order to finish all the assignments and that you have to work on the assignments at home as well.

Each week contains one unit that is linked to the topic “Slavery in the USA”. You will start with exploring how slavery started in the USA and you will finish with looking at the different forms of modern slavery that still occur today.

The website you are going to use is www.learnaboutslaveryintheusa.weebly.com.

How does this course work?

This course contains several units where you have to work on both individual and group assignments. Each unit represents one study week. All the assignments will be done online. This means that you download the assignments from the website, do the assignments for each week and upload all your assignments into one document. You have to send this document to your teacher by email or hand it in through SOM (check with your teacher what he/she prefers) before 6pm every Friday evening.

Learning objectives:

Each unit starts with an introduction page which tells you something about the topic and states the learning objectives for each week.

What kind of assignments can you expect?

The assignments are merely focused on reading, listening, speaking, writing, vocabulary, and grammar. Some assignments need to be done individually while other assignments have to be done in a group. You will create your own study group in the first lesson when you are going to start this project. This is the group you are going to work with when the assignments say you have to work together with your study group.

Many of the assignments also contain reflection. Reflecting on the assignments has to be done on the forum <http://h4altenaengels.freeforums.net/board/1/general-discussion>. This way the teacher can follow your development and **keep in mind that not participating on the forum means that you lose points on your final grade.**

All the assignments are designed in Word. You have to answer the questions and save the document. You have to put all the assignments for each unit into *one document* once you’ve finished working on them so you can send them to your teacher. **Make sure you hand in this document on time because handing in the documents too late will also mean that you lose points on your final grade.**

How are we going to be tested?

You are going to be tested on the English main skills such as reading, listening, writing, and speaking but also on subskills vocabulary and grammar in a two hour timed test in the final week of the project. Next to the test you have to record a presentation about a topic concerning slavery with your study group (see assignment 1.1). You can find a tab 'Test' on the website which gives you more information about the test and the way you are going to be evaluated.

What about teacher guidance?

He/She will follow you from a distance because you have to send him/her your assignments. You will receive feedback from your teacher every one or two weeks by email or in class. Your teacher will also check on your discussions regularly on the forum and may even point you to the right direction when you're starting to get off track on the subject. Work closely together with your study group so you can help each other.

You can always ask your teacher for help or send him/her an email.