

Minnesota History
HIST 1133

Grades and Assignments

I. Grades

The grade distribution for your assignments will be as follows.

Family History project	5.00%
Weekly quizzes	14.00%
Self-assessments	8.00%
Web-site evaluation	5.00%
Quarterly tests	20.00%
Children's Book Assignment	5.00%
Historical Song Assignment	5.00%
Final paper	10.00%
Weekly assignments	25.00%
Class citizenship	3.00%

I grade with weighted grades. Thus, a grade of 87 points for an assignment worth 1% of the total grade is worth less than a grade of 87 points for an assignment worth 10% of your grade.

II. Graded Assignments: You earn your grades with the following assignments. Each assignment will have both explicit directions and a grading rubric, handed out at least a week before the assignment is due.

A. Family History Project- For this assignment you'll view use your own family history to explore the history of Minneosta.

B. Weekly Quizzes – Each week you will take a timed quiz designed to assess your command of the material for that week. The quiz is on D2L. Your lowest two scores will be dropped. Technical or human errors will not count as a “do over” for any reason.

C. Self assessments-These quizzes or reflection papers will ask you to demonstrate to yourself what you know about history. I will not grade these self assessments accept to give credit for completing the assignments.

D. Website evaluation – The assignment will come in two parts: the first will help you develop skills to evaluate credible information on the web, the second will test those evaluation skills.

E. **Quarterly tests:** Every four weeks we'll have an exam to test your knowledge of the material and your ability to make an argument using that material. The format of the tests will be discussed in class.

F. **Children's Book and Historical Song Assignments**—for these two assignments you will use primary historical sources to create a popular history source. You will be evaluated based on the quality of your use of historical evidence, not the quality of your drawing or lyrics.

G. **Final Paper**— You will create a final project. It will be fewer than 1250 words. Details will be discussed later this semester.

H. **Weekly assignments** – The biggest part of your grade comes from weekly assignments. Each class session we will spend 2/3rds of the class working on a historical project. You may finish the projects during class. Assignments are always due by Friday at 8 p.m. for the week of the class.

I. **Class Citizenship/ Participation-** A small part of your grade relates to your behavior in this course. Students who are respectful, honor each other's' contributions will earn high marks. Disrespectful behavior, such as name calling or any type harassment, will result in a poor citizenship grade. This part of the grade also allows those who participate more in small group to earn more points. This grade is especially important given the difficulty of communicating primarily through writing.

Students may check their grades at any time on Desire2Learn.