Historical Fiction Writing Assignment (DUE: June 6, 2017)

Write a short story that focusses on a specific time in history (earlier than 1980). Base your story on careful research. Write in 1st or 3rd person. Choose your own theme and story line: romance, mystery, adventure, comedy, family drama, etc. Your story may include actual historical figures, but it doesn't have to. All characters may be historic, all may be fictional, or it may be a mix of historic and fictional. Try to show in your story what time travelers would experience if they were suddenly sent back to the time period you are writing about.

1. What will your writing revolve around? (Place, Event, Person) ______

3. Research the setting of the time period you chose and complete the "Elements of Culture"

DUE May 23rd:

2. What is the time period?

List of sources used:

2.

1.

table. Use at least 4 sources to complete your research:				
Elements of Culture	Details			
Customs and Traditions				
习惯 传统				
Religion				
宗 教				
Language				
语言				
Arts and Literature				
艺术 文 学				
Forms of Government				
政 府				
Economic System				
经济				
Social Organization				
社 会				
Common problems people faced				

3.

4.

DUE May 30th:

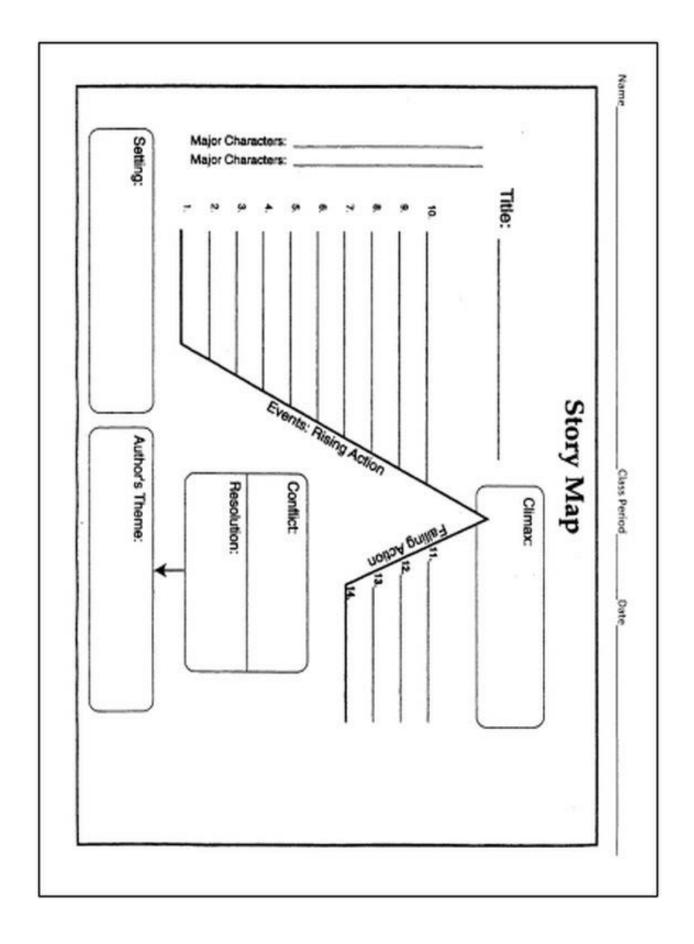
4. Brainstorm ideas. Then create a basic plot using the Story Elements chart below:

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Story	Details
Elements	
Main	
Characters	
Setting	
Conflict or	
problem	
Solution	
	se a character to be the narrator:
6. Com	plete the "Story Map" organizer, thinking of events that will happen in your story. You
must	have at least three events in your rising action.
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7. Draft	t your story using the "Story Elements" and "Story Map" organizers.
8. Crea	te a title for your story:
9. Self-	edit using a colored pen and the "Self-Edit" checklist.
10. Type	your first draft
	a classmate to peer edit using a different colored pen.

- 12. Correct your mistakes and print a final draft.
 - a. Bring it to class on JUNE 6[™].

Name of peer editor: ___

b. Attach this paper, your first draft, your rubric, and your self-edit checklist



Historical Fiction Writing Rubric:

Student's English Name: _			
Student's ID number:			

Category	Highest Possible Score	Score Earned
Mechanics: Correct use of grammar, punctuation and spelling. Text is typed. Meets the length requirement (between 450 – 1,500 words).	20	
Style: Choice of words and tone are appropriate for the audience and time period. Figurative language and dialogue are used correctly.	20	
Setting and Characters: Sensory images are used to tell when and where the story takes place. The characters behave in historically appropriate ways.	20	
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Problem and Resolution: The problem that the character(s) face(s) is clear and easy to understand. There is a clear order of events. There are no loose ends; the solution to the characters' problem is logical and easy to understand.	20	
Presentation All planning pages, first draft, editing checklist, and final copy are turned in on time. Story is presented in class on June 6.		

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