**Transcontinental Railroad Project**

We will be researching various aspects of the building of the Transcontinental Railroad. You are to select one facet on which to focus your research and project.

You may choose any area that pertains to the Transcontinental Railroad. The following may provide a suggestion, or you may pick a different topic if your teacher approves it.

* Course/Route Selection
* Effect of the railroad on civilization/expansion in the United States
* Effect of the railroad on Native American tribes and their way of life
* Importance of the Transcontinental Railroad for transportation
* Key points on a timeline
* Owners of the Central Pacific Railroad
* Owners of the Union Pacific Railroad
* Physical obstacles work crews must overcome
* Process used to lay the track
* Role of the Federal Government
* Source of supplies used for construction
* Workers that helped to lay the track: African Americans, Chinese, Irish, or Native Americans

You may use Word/Pages or PowerPoint/Keynote to create a presentation, brochure, or paper on your selected topic. Your grade will be based on the areas listed below. Since this project will be presented, you will need good eye contact, and please do not read your project word for word.

Be sure you correctly save your project: HourLastNameFirstNameRailroad

Title/Name/Hour 3 2 1 0

Bibliography 4 3 2 1 0

Grammar & Spelling 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Presentation 5 4 3 2 1 0

Quality of Information 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Ten Information Facts 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Three Pictures 3 2 1 0

Visual Appeal 5 4 3 2 1 0

Total Points Earned: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_/50