

# Thoreau Project

## Group Contract

For this project some students may choose to work in a group. For this to happen you as the group and the parents of the kids must understand all of the following:

1. Each phase of the project must be worthy of the number of people in the group. This means that choosing something simple or doing half- hearted work will impact your grade. Because you are in a group all work should be near perfect or it will cost you significantly.
2. Each member must be contributing to the project. Should I be approached by the members of the group and advised that a member is not contributing I will immediately remove that person form the group and they will be responsible for the alternative assignment. There will be no switching groups in the middle of the project. (If a new person comes into class it will be up to the groups whether or not they can be included but absolutely no changes).
3. Failure of one member of the group will have no bearing on the grade for the group. If one person fails and the group does not reject them, it is the problem of the group.
4. Failure of one person to be ready is not a consideration. If a person has the project and fails to show on the date of the presentation, the entire group will suffer. Do not depend on one person.
5. Each member of the group must contribute at the presentation. Failure to do this will result in no one in the group receiving an “A”.
6. I do not care if you have problems outside of class. Be sure that you choose your group members carefully. You are stuck with each other. If the rest of the group comes to me and wants you out I will remove you. However, it must be unanimous or I will not remove them. If it is you are out and will be responsible for the alternative project. As a final stipulation, no one may be removed from a group after step four is completed.
7. I reserve the right to make any other rules as needed to make the project run smoothly.
8. The group leader will be \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The other group members are

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I have read and understand all of the above. I further understand that my student may need to work on this outside of class in order to finish and will need to exchange e-mail and phone numbers to be able to complete the project.

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student

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date

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parent

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date