








PACE Performance Assessment of Critical Elements





Fifth grade!! Wow! This year you will complete a PACE assessment. We want to make sure you possess the skills to find information, write about the information and make an oral presentation using the information. These are skills you will need in the years to come---regardless of your choice of profession.





During this year, you will study four units in social studies (Explorers, Colonization American Revolution, and Civil War) and four units in science (Microworlds, Ecosystems,). Within this content, there are many people and groups of people who made discoveries, processes or products that have positively benefited society. From one of these content areas, you will need to select a person or group of people to investigate further. You will need to gather information so you can answer the following questions:


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- Who/What was (individual or group)?
 - What was his/her/their contribution to society?
 - What was the situation or problem that led to this contribution?
 - How did/does this contribution impact others?
 - What are the dispositions / character traits that helped him/her/them to be successful?





After you have gone through the process of acquiring the needed information (researching), you will need to develop 2-3 products that will allow you to share your knowledge. You will write an informational essay about your person/group of people. The information will need to be factual and you will need to use appropriate writing skills.



You will also need to prepare and give an oral presentation about your person/group. The information will be the same as your essay but you will present it differently. You will make your oral presentation to a panel of two people. (They will be very nice and very supportive.)



You may choose to prepare a visual to assist you during your oral presentation. The visual may be a poster or a PowerPoint presentation or..... Your teacher will provide the information on what you may or may not do in relation to a visual.



PACE is an exciting and challenging assessment. It requires you to apply skills you have been learning throughout your elementary time. When you are finished, you will have a sense of pride and accomplishment. You will feel successful and ready for the next challenge.