



## **HUMANITIES EVENTS GUIDELINES FOR HISP STUDENTS**

All HISP students are required to attend three (3) humanities events each quarter and to submit written reports to their literature teachers. The following are some guidelines for what constitutes a humanities event (for our purposes) and some suggestions for what you should include in the write up. Please direct any questions to your literature teacher. Thank you.

### **Purpose of Attending Humanities Events**

Attending Humanities Events exposes a person to the arts and to a variety of artistic expression found in most communities. Education cannot happen just at school – it must go beyond the walls of the classroom. Watching a play being performed live is quite a different experience than reading a play from a book. We want each student to broaden his/her horizons and to take advantage of what our community has to offer. We hope that each student will try a number of different experiences and in that way, gain an important glimpse into life beyond McClatchy. You need not spend a fortune – there are many low-cost or free events. Check the HISP bulletin board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for flyers, etc.

### **What Is a Humanities Event?**

The emphasis here is on three quality events which are connected to the Humanities and “LIVE.” The humanities can be defined as the study of the human experience. It includes such areas as: Literature, Poetry, Art, Photography, Theatre, Music, Dance, Film, Language, Philosophy, Religion, History, Archeology, and Politics. A Humanities Event must be an official and live experience of the humanities. For example:

- Live performances of music, dance, drama, poetry recitation
- Visits to art galleries, museums, or historical places with guided tours
- Sanctioned activities of the HISP Council (parents’ group), e.g. after-school activities or evening arts performances
- Lectures which deal with the humanities
- Attendance at church services/religious functions which are NOT part of your family’s regular religious activities

### **What Is NOT a Humanities Event?**

- Movies – rented or at a theater
- Listening to music on a radio, tape, CD, DVD, TV, or in an elevator
- Street musicians, musicians playing at a shopping mall, etc.
- Elementary or middle school musical, dramatic, or dance performances
- TV shows pertaining to the arts
- Restaurants with ethnic food, music, and/or artwork displayed
- McClatchy Club Events (unless special arrangements are made) or events during the school day.
- Shopping mall arts and craft shows.

## What Do I Need To Write About?

Each Humanities Event requires a separate write up.

- The write up should be 1 page, typed, double-spaced, 12-point, Times New Roman font.
- Your write up should consist of three paragraphs, organized as follows:
  1. **Paragraph One:** Give a brief description of the event, including what you did, and when and where you did it (i.e. “I saw the Wayne Theibaud exhibit at the Crocker Art Gallery on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.”) Please also include a brief statement as to why you chose to attend this particular event.
  2. **Paragraph Two:** Make a connection between this event and the events in your own life, the world around you, or something about which you are learning in school: perhaps a particular scene reminded you of something from your childhood, or a scene in a book you’re reading; perhaps a particular painting reminded you of an event in history or the current social issues.
  3. **Paragraph Three:** Now explain what thoughts and feelings you experienced during the event: perhaps you felt indignant at what you saw, or sympathetic; perhaps you felt inspired or grateful—explore what caused those feelings and why you felt them. Include a statement about the value of the event: should other people experience it as well? Anyone in particular? Why?
- Please don’t write about how long it took to get there, what you ate at intermission, or how tired you were.

## Proof of Attendance

- You will be required to fill out the Humanities Event Proof of Attendance form, and to turn it in in class to your teacher the day after submitting your write ups to turnitin.com. This form will require you to include the name and date of each event you attended, and will have a place for a parent signature to verify your attendance.

## How will the Humanities Events be Graded?

The Humanities Events will be graded based on the above, 70% of your grade will be based on the write up, and 30% based on proof of attendance. The write ups will be graded on the thoughtfulness of your response, the thoroughness of your response, and on how well you followed the above instructions (i.e. did you respond to the correct topics in each paragraph and did you follow the correct format).

## Due Dates

Typically, these write ups are due one week before the end of the quarter (to give your teacher time to grade). Your teacher will give you an exact date towards the end of each quarter. **All write ups will be submitted via turnitin.com.** This process will be explained more in class.

## Summer Events

You may write about events that you attended during the summer for the first and second quarters. Third and fourth quarter events must be completed during the actual dates of the Spring Semester (January – June).

