**6th Grade Band 1st Semester Project**

**What:** 1-2 page double spaced paper, using Times New Roman 12 pt font, on the topics below and a poster or brochure arguing why your instrument is the best instrument in the band (poster or brochure can be done in pairs)

**When:** Your 1-2 page paper and bibliography will be due **October 10th**. We will be in the library *October 3rd-7th.* Your poster or brochure will be due **October 14th** and will be presented during class time.

**Specifics:** Your written paper needs to include the topics below and needs to be at least one page long, double spaced, with proper margins and formatting. You will include all resources (websites, books, etc) used in your research on a bibliography attached to the back of your paper.

**Outline for Paper**

* Which instrument family is your instrument part of? How do you know this?
* What other types or variations of your instruments exist? Different sizes/keys?
* Physical attributes (what/how your instrument is made)
* Methods of playing (both traditional and nontraditional)
* Registers that your instrument plays in (high/medium/low)
* Historical content –the origin and how your instrument has evolved
* Different styles of music that each instrument typically performs in
* Different types of ensembles each instrument typically performs with
* Famous works written for those instruments (including historical background)
* Famous Composers that wrote for those instruments (including historical background)
* Famous Musicians that play your instrument and made it popular

**Outline for Brochure or Poster:**

* What kind of music can you play on your instrument that would be popular to your peers
* What are some famous songs that your peers would know that are played on your instrument
* Why is your instrument the best instrument in the band
* Why should everyone want to learn to play your instrument

**Example of Bibliography Format**

How to cite a **website** in a bibliography using MLA

Format: Last Name, First Name. “Page Title.” *Website Title*. Sponsoring Institution/Publisher. Publication Date: Page Numbers. Medium.

Example: Smith, John. “Obama Inaugurated as President.” *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 21 Jan. 2009. Web. 1 Feb. 2009.

How to cite a **book** in a bibliography using MLA

Format: Last Name, First Name. *Book Title*. Publisher City: Publisher Name, Year Published. Medium.

Example: Smith, John. *The Sample Book*. Pittsburgh: BibMe, 2008. Print.