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Columbian Exposition /Creative Writing/Grades 7 & 8

You have spent the last two class periods becoming experts on the Chicago Columbian Exposition. Now you are ready to take the information that you have learned and use it to create a piece of historical fiction.

Write a story comprised of either diary entries or letters. Create a fictional character that is visiting the Fair for the first time. They may live in Chicago, be a visitor from another country or state, or a person hired to work at the Fair.

Support your story with details from your reading and viewing. Each diary entry or letter must be dated and show your understanding of the events of the Fair. Include details about products, events and the fashions of the time.

Self-check Rubric:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_At least three completed entries that tell a story

(at least 150 words each)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Each entry is formatted as a letter or diary entry.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Each entry includes historically accurate details of the Fair.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ All spelling and punctuation is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your story is emailed to me with the following information on the subject line: Your name/teacher’s name/room number

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email it to: [mkwitry@cps.edu](mailto:mkwitry@cps.edu)

Deadlines will be announced in class.