

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Extra Credit Opportunity #2

For extra credit, do one of the following activities. Then, write 2/3 to 1 page about what you saw and anything interesting that you witnessed. In order to earn extra credit, students must have all assignments turned in first, or the extra credit will not be accepted.

Visit infamous Alcatraz Island and tour the facility that once held America's most dangerous criminals. Catch the ferry in San Francisco and cruise out to "The Rock." See the conditions that existed in the prison and hear tales about some of the inmates. The visit is fairly expensive - \$26 for youth and adults, an audio tour is available for an additional fee. For more details, including parking, tour times and to purchase tickets, go to: <https://www.alcatrazcruises.com/index.aspx>

Visit and tour the USS HORNET, located at pier 3 at Alameda Point in Alameda, CA (the former Naval Air Station). Visit and tour Monday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm and report about air operations at sea. Youth (5 – 17) are \$6.00 each, and adults are \$14.00 each. There are several upcoming special events, including Living Ship Days, on Saturday, January 16 and February 20. Living Ship Days allow you to see the aircraft carrier in action! Witness simulated flight operations as aircraft are lifted to the flight deck and placed into launch position; participate in mission briefings; meet former crew; sit in the cockpit of a fighter jet! There is also a History Mystery Tour where you search the Hornet for evidence of spirits and see areas that have not been opened to the general public. Special events have an additional cost. For more information about general touring or the special events, go online at [www.uss-hornet.org/](http://www.uss-hornet.org/) .

Watch one of the following videos on channel 9 (PBS) and report about what interesting things you learned. Due to the late start times of these programs, I recommend recording the show and watching it at a more convenient time.

- You Must Remember This: The Warner Brothers Story: War & Peace, 1/16 7pm
- Wyatt Earp: American Experience, 1/25, 8pm
- The Magnificent Voyage of Christopher Columbus, 1/27, 8pm
- Donner Party: American Experience, 2/1, 10pm
- Amelia Earhart: American Experience, 2/22, 9pm

All extra credit is due on or before February 26<sup>th</sup>.