Alternative or Complementary Medicine Research

Health care today is changing at a fast pace. New technologies and new positions are created in medicine each year. Presently research is being done at major universities to study the advantages and/or disadvantages of alternative medicine. In order to keep up-to-date on what is out there, we will research some of the proven or unlikely to be proven methods of alternative medicine and judge for ourselves what is likely to help the patient.

"To compliment means to complete or to make whole." The complementary approach has gained in popularity because it helps many conditions previously labeled "incurable" or "chronic." Complementary medicine sees the symptom of an illness or condition as an outward sign of an imbalance between the physical, mental, and emotional levels and the vitality (spirit) of the patient, and attempts to reconcile all these factors. The concept involves a basic change of emphasis in our perception of the maintenance of good health. Most professional practitioners of complementary treatments feel that they complement the needs of the patient. They may also complement the work of orthodox doctors, an alliance in which both sides have an understanding and appreciation of the advantages the two forms of medicine offer."

Assignment:
1. You will select an alternative medicine therapy to research.
2. Create a PowerPoint presentation (at least 10 slides + title slide + works cited) using the questions and information gained from your research to educate others on the advantages/disadvantages of your alternative medicine therapy.
3. Visual aid – This could be a demonstration, video, or something besides what is in the PowerPoint. The purpose of the presentation is to educate others by giving information, demonstrating or showing examples of the therapy. Check the public library for resources (tapes, CD's, books, drawings).
4. Answer these questions:
   - Describe the treatment.
   - Give a brief history of your alternative approach. Does your alternative therapy have its origins from a religious belief? If so, explain how it was initiated.
   - Explain the advantages and disadvantages of the treatment.
   - Is research being done at a major university to substantiate this alternative approach?
   - How many people are using this alternative therapy? Is it likely to work?
   - How expensive is the treatment? Where can you go to have this treatment? (Certain types of doctors, states, countries, etc.)
   - What illnesses are treated with this alternative therapy? What is the cure rate?
   - What is your personal opinion about this therapy, do you think it is a viable method of treatment?
   - Bibliography/Works Cited of the resources that you used for your research.
5. In class scheduled research days are: Wed. 9/24, Thurs. 9/25, Fri. 9/26.
6. Due date ________________________________
   Presentations will begin on -Monday, Sept. 29, 2014

Submit your presentation into the teacher folder on the global drive. Projects will be checked in during class on the day they are due. Presentations are to turned in on time. If you think you will have a problem with your computer, send it early. If absent on the due date, email presentations to your teacher: mhiggins@naperville203.org.