

7.03 Alabama Soil Area Project

Project Description

You will work with a group of your classmates on the discussion board to create a Powerpoint presentation about one of the soil areas in the state of Alabama. This project is designed to help you work collaboratively with your classmates and practice creating a shared product. Remember that your work will ultimately be graded individually, so be sure that you complete all the project steps.

Project Grades

This project has four grades.

Assignment	Description	Points
7.03 My Soil Discussion	Write a 1-paragraph discussion post about the soil where you live in Alabama and about the soil in an area of Alabama you have never been. <i>(Your teacher will use this post to place you in a project group.)</i>	15/15
7.03 Group Work Discussion	With your group, create an informational Powerpoint about the climate in Alabama and the crops that are grown in the state according to the soil types in a specific area.	30/30
7.03 Soil Presentation Discussion	Post your group's Powerpoint presentation and view the other groups' work.	10/10
7.03 Project Summary Dropbox	After viewing all of the groups' work, complete 7.03 Project Summary and submit it to the Dropbox.	15/15
		Total = 70

Project Steps

Step One: Use your knowledge of soils the soil orders and [USDA's Map of the Soils in Alabama](#) to write a 1-paragraph discussion post that includes the following information:

- 3-4 sentences about the soil in the area where you live.
- 3-4 sentences about the soil in an area of Alabama where you haven't been.

Post the paragraph to the **7.03 My Soil Discussion**. Your teacher will use this post to place you in a group.

Step Two: After your teacher assigns you to a group and an area of the state, work with your classmates to research that area in detail. Your teacher will set up a group discussion thread on **7.03 Group Work Discussion**. Your group should collect the following information about the area:

- Soil Type(s)
- Climate
- Topography
- Native plant life
- Crops that are grown

Work with each other to split up who should research each part and create a Powerpoint presentation with the information. Everyone should create some of the slides and one person should put together the final product. Your final presentation should include the following:

- Title slide with all group members names
- Map of Alabama with your area highlighted/identified
- Detailed area information:
 - Soil Type(s)
 - Climate
 - Topography
 - Native plant life
 - Crops that are grown
- Works Cited slide with all outside sources

You can use information within the lessons as well as outside sources. Just remember to correctly cite all information. All ACCESS courses use MLA (Modern Language Association) format to cite sources. Read [MLA Citations – Instructions](#) for more information.

Step Three: One person in your group should post your group’s final product to the **7.03 Soil Presentation Discussion**. Look at the other groups’ presentations and comment on their completed work.

Step Four: Look at the other groups’ presentations carefully and then individually complete **7.03 Project Summary Dropbox**.

Research Reminder

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