MEME-ORIES: A COVID-19 Research Project

Overview: We are currently living through historic times. It isn't every day that the entire world gets shut down by a global pandemic! This is worth remembering, and what better way than utilizing the one thing that is keeping us all laughing while stuck at home? That's right – MEMES! Your task is to research the coronavirus that causes the COVID-19 disease and share your findings in a 10-slide digital project. To make this project a meme-ory you won't forget, you will be incorporating memes to illustrate your slides and bring humor during a time where we could all use a little laughter. While it is important to be creative and use your images to visually "com-meme-orate" this time, make sure that they are appropriate and that all information is accurate. This research project is meant to be both educational and hilarious!

Requirements:

☐ All information is detailed, accurate, and written in the student's own words.
☐ Work is organized over 10 digital slides *(not including your works cited page)*.
☐ All of the required components listed below are included and covered fully:
- o Description of what the coronavirus is and how it causes the disease COVID-19
- o Description of how the disease has become a pandemic, with reference to how viruses replicate
- o Description of the symptoms of COVID-19, highlighting how the disease disrupts homeostasis in the organ systems it most impacts
- o Relevant statistics about its prevalence and impact on society
- o Ways that the spread of COVID-19 can be prevented and treated, if acquired
- o Explanation of at least 3 misconceptions of the disease that have circulated through society via social media and scientifically accurate "debunking" of these myths
- o Description of what it is like in 2020 to live through this pandemic so that years from now someone who reads your project will have a clear picture of what was experienced
- o Predictions for the potential societal, economical, and historical impacts of this pandemic in the future

☐ Memes are creatively used to make connections to the content and make the project visually appealing, but must also be thoughtful, relevant, and appropriate.
☐ Project is colorful, neat, and fun. The organization of information is well thought out and clear.
☐ Research is appropriately cited and included on a separate formal citation page/slide.
☐ Overall project demonstrates accuracy, creativity, and a thorough understanding of the virus and disease.

Rubric:

	Excellent *(10 points)*	Satisfactory *(9-7 points)*	Needs Improvement *(6-3 points)*	Unacceptable *(2-0 points)*
Content (x2)	All content is accurate and thorough. All of the listed requirements are met. Work clearly shows evidence of thorough research and understanding.	The majority of content is accurate and thorough. All of the listed requirements are met. Work shows evidence of research and understanding.	Some content is accurate and thorough. Some of the listed requirements are not met. Work shows some evidence of research and understanding.	Most of the content is not accurate or thorough. Few listed requirements are met. Work does not show evidence of research or understanding.
Creativity	Work is extremely creative. Connections made between memes and the content are thoughtful, relevant and appropriately humorous.	Work is creative. Connections made between memes and the content are mostly thoughtful, relevant and appropriately humorous.	Work is somewhat creative. Connections made between memes and the content are somewhat thoughtful, relevant and appropriately humorous.	Work is not creative. Connections made between memes and the content are not thoughtful, relevant or appropriately humorous.
References	All research is correctly cited and from reliable sources.	Most research is correctly cited and from reliable sources.	Some research is correctly cited and may or may not be from reliable sources.	Research is not referenced or cited in any format.
Overall	Overall work is colorful, visually appealing, and accurate. The content is organized clearly. Work stands out from the rest and shows evidence of extra effort.	Overall work is mostly colorful, visually appealing, and accurate. The content is mostly organized. Work shows evidence of good effort.	Overall work is somewhat colorful, visually appealing, and accurate. The content is somewhat organized clearly. More effort needed.	Overall work is not colorful, visually appealing, and accurate. The content is not organized. Lack of effort is evident.