

# Project and Assignment Details and Templates

## Urban Legends Template

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**Group Members:**

**Urban Legends**

**Legend Number:**

**Title:**

**Summary:** Some of these legends are very brief, some are a bit longer. I'm not giving a set number of sentences or paragraph requirements for these except – give a thorough explanation.

**Status:** True/Myth/Hoax (Give a brief note/explanation when required. Ex: Mostly true except....)

**Source: Source:** Include at least two sources. You cannot use Wikipedia or Snopes.

(Add this after your legends research)

## Picture Research Template

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**Picture Research**

**Picture Number:**

**Title:** (Imagine what you would call / how would you describe this picture to a friend)

**Status:** Real/Hoax (Give a brief note/explanation when required. Ex: Real picture, but out of context....)

**Source:** Include at least one source. You cannot use Wikipedia or Snopes.

(Add this after your video research)

## Video Research Template

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**Video Research**

**Video Number:**

**Title:** (Imagine what you would call / how would you describe this video to a friend)

**Status:** Real/Hoax (Give a brief/explanation note when required. Ex: Real video, but out of context...., Staged video, AI, etc.)

**Source: Source:** Include at least one source. You cannot use Wikipedia or Snopes.

## Local Legend Template

**Group Members:**

**Title:**

**Location:**

**As recounted by:** (The person who has researched the tale)

**Source:** (The person who told you this story, or the source where you discovered it i.e.-books, websites, newspaper article, etc.)

**Summary:** (2/3 paragraphs / 20-30 sentence summary of the legend.)

**Pictures:** (Include a couple of pics of the site. You can either place them in the word doc itself or include them with the files you turn in upload for the assignment.)

## Media Creation Guidelines

**Directions:** Choose any three legends from the Urban Legends List. Turn said legends into a short media project (movie). Have your name and work live on forever and gain a blast of worldwide fame when I host your video on my YouTube Page (If your video is awesome enough).

**Guidelines:** Film each video to the best of your ability. I know you aren't budding film directors, apologies to those who are, but putting forth your best effort is all I ask. I've spent a year with you now, so I know what is and isn't your best effort.

**Submitting Your Work:** On the assignment page attach a word doc stating:

- Group Members:
- Legends Selected:
- Name of each video: (Make sure the title matches the name on your video)

\*Upload your videos to your school google drive and share the file with me. Be sure to send me a note with the video

\*Alternatively, you can upload your video to Youtube and simply share that address with me in the comments section of the assignment.

## Cryptid Template

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**Group Members:**

**Cryptid Name:**

**Location(s):**

**Summary:** (Give a two to three paragraph summary of the cryptid)

- What is it? - A physical description
- Where was it first sighted, sightings of note, has it been sighted recently
- Are there any notable stories surround this cryptid?

**Possible Explanation:** (Give a one paragraph summary)

- What is the skeptical viewpoint explanation of this cryptid?
- Mistaken with an actual animal? (A Bear confused with Bigfoot)
- Confused with something else (Ex: A plane high in the sky confused with a flying cryptid)?
- A natural phenomenon (Ex: Swamp Gas)
- A flat-out hoax?

**Conclusion:** (Give a solid one paragraph explanation with support for your claims)

Your personal viewpoint detailing whether this cryptid might or might not exist.

**Source:** Include at least three sources. You cannot use Wikipedia or Snopes.

**Picture:** Include a large image of your cryptid. Have this imbedded on the actual word document.

## Sightings Template

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**Group Members:**

**Name of Sighting:**

**Location:**

**Date:**

**Summary:** (Give a two to three paragraph summary of the sighting)

**Possible Explanation:** (Give a one paragraph summary)

- What is the skeptical viewpoint explanation of this sighting?
- Confused with a natural phenomenon (Ex: The Northern Lights, A Celestial Body)?
- Confused with something else (Ex: A drone)? - A flat-out hoax?

**Conclusion:** (Give a solid one paragraph explanation with support for your claims)

Your personal viewpoint detailing whether this was a case of mistaken identity, a flat-out hoax or proof that we are truly not alone.

**Source:** Include at least three sources. You cannot use Wikipedia or Snopes.

**Picture:** Include a large image of your sighting. Have this imbedded on the actual word document.

# RETURN TO DEAD MOUNTAIN

Nine Hikers. Mysterious Circumstances Surrounding Their Deaths. Some Fully Clothed. Others Barely So. Avalanches. Katabatic Winds. Hypothermia. Mass Panic. Radiation Contamination. Government Coverups. Conspiracies. Alleged UFO Sightings. Yetis. Military Experiments. Time Travel? Plenty of theories and speculations, but no definitive answers. By now, you know or have at least heard of, to some extent, the mysterious deaths of Igor Dyatlov and his hiking party which has come to be known as The Dyatlov Pass Incident. It's a mystery wrapped in an enigma that has been safeguarded by time and secrecy. Some of the foremost experts from Forensic Pathology, Geology and Meteorology to Military Intelligence and Outdoor Survival and everything in between have tried to solve the case, but in the end they all come to the same dead end – a theory that fails to hold up to basic scrutiny.

That is... until now. We are bringing in the foremost experts on anything and everything – High School Juniors and Seniors! Armed with a social media education and an unmatched work ethic this dynamic group is up for any and all challenges. At long last we will finally have a definitive answer to one of the most perplexing mysteries of our time – What really happened at Dyatlov Pass?

## **The Assignment**

You and your fellow investigators will sift through all of the case information and develop two theories - one “grounded” theory and one “outside the box” theory (one does need to keep an open mind to “other possibilities” after all).

You need to back up your claims with two types of sources:

- Sources related directly to the Dyatlov Pass case
- Sources **NOT** directly connected to it (Ex – Websites about weather conditions to support a theory that claims the hikers died due to a specific weather condition).

## **Guidelines**

- 2 Theories per assignment
  - o 1 Grounded Theory
  - o 1 Outside the Box Theory
  - o Include both theories in the same paper
  
- Each theory will be 1-3 pages in length.
  
- At least three sources per theory
  - o Two sources directly related to Dyatlov Pass
  - o At least one source must not be directly related to Dyatlov Pass
  
- Internal Citation
- Work Cited Page

## **Format**

- Times New Roman
- Size 12
- Black Ink