Altadena: Past, Present, and Future
A Research-Based Multimedia Art Project

Project Overview

This project is all about learning the history of Altadena—how it started, how it's changed over time, and what makes it special today. You'll explore local history, especially the impact of the **Eaton Fire**, and how people, land, and resources have developed in the area.

You'll use **art and creativity** to show what you learn. Instead of writing just a paper or taking a test, you'll make something that **teaches others** about your topic—like a short film, a podcast, an interactive display, or even a TikTok post. If you want to make a sculpture, painting, or tabletop display, document your creative process and include this with your entry.

What You'll Do

1. Research & Inquiry
Start with a question or problem you want to explore through art.
For example:

- How did the Eaton Fire affect Altadena's community?
- What was life like for the first settlers here?
- How has the land changed over time?

You'll use maps, old photos, interviews, and stories. Call AHS at **626-797-8016** or email **altadenahistorical.society@yahoo.com** to make an appointment to visit the archives and conduct your research.

2. Multimedia Integration
You'll combine different types of media—like video, music, photos, and writing—to tell a story. The goal is to create something **informative, creative, and meaningful**.

3. Authentic Product
Your final project should be something you can **share with others**.

Examples include:

- Annotated (labeled or explained) photos
- A short video or digital story
- A podcast or vlog
- An infographic (visual way to show facts and data)
- An interactive art or media display

4. Apply Your Skills
This project helps you use what you've learned in a real-world way.

Possible Project Types

- **Digital Story:** Tell a true story using pictures, sound, and video.
- **Annotated Photographs:** Take or use photos and add notes or audio explaining what they show.
- **Infographic or Data Visualization:** Turn complex information into an easy-to-understand visual.
- **Interactive Display:** Build an exhibit or installation people can watch, touch, or listen to.
- **Multimedia Presentation:** Combine slides, music, and visuals to explain a topic.
- **Podcast or Vlog:** Record yourself (or others) talking about your topic, ideas, or interviews.

Project Steps

1. **Preproduction:**
   - Choose your question or topic.
   - Plan your idea and storyboard.
   - Collect materials (photos, videos, recordings, etc.).
2. **Production:**
   - Create your media—film, record, draw, or design your content.
3. **Post-Production:**
   - Edit and combine your work into one final piece.
   - Make sure everything fits together smoothly and tells a clear story.

Deadline

Projects are due by 5 pm on Friday, April 24, 2026. Submit entries online with **Dropbox**

Or in person at the Altadena Community Center (730 E Altadena Dr, Altadena, CA 91001 and open 8 am to 5 pm)

Awards

The awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 10 to 11 am at the Altadena Community Center.

Entry form

Please complete this form and include it with your entry. (A scan is fine for digital submissions.)

Click for the link to the Dropbox folder.

Your name _____

Best way to contact _____

Name of School _____

Title of your entry _____