

FORMATTING GUIDE

HCS HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

Format

- One-inch margins
- Double-spaced
- 12 pt. font (Times New Roman or Arial)

Style

- Use active voice.
- Use the literary present when writing about the events in a literary work.
- Avoid first and second person unless otherwise instructed.

Header, Title, and Page Numbers

- Use a running header.
- On the first page, in the upper left corner, type your name, the teacher's name, class, and the date.
- In the upper right corner, type your last name and the page number. The header should be one-half inch from the top.
- Your title should be centered below the main heading.

Body of the Paper

- Paragraphs should be indented one-half inch.
- Be sure to cite the source when you use another person's words or ideas.
- Use parenthetical citations: (Carson 35).

Works Cited

- List your cited sources in alphabetical order on your Works Cited page. "Works Cited" should be centered at the top of the page.
- Refer to the following websites for examples of MLA formatting:
 - o <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/02/>
 - o <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>
 - o <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/12/>

Annie Johnson

Mrs. Moots

English 10

26 September 2018

Spanish Influence on Southwestern English

Many words in the English language actually came from Spanish words. The California Gold Rush introduced many Spanish words to English. Some state names in the United States came from Spanish through Mexican influences. English also got many Spanish words from vaqueros (cowboys). Spanish has affected southwestern English through many influences.

The California Gold Rush put many Spanish words in the English language. *California* even came from a Spanish word which means “an earthly paradise.” *Rodeo*, *stampede*, *ranch*, and *lassoo* were introduced by the horse-handlers who spoke Spanish (McCrum 253-254). *Lassoo/lasso* means “a snare, slipknot” and is *lazo* in Spanish (*Online Etymology Dictionary*). *El dorado* became a part of the English vocabulary during the Gold Rush as well because it was searched for by the Spanish in the 1500s as the Indian Kingdom of Gold but never found. The word *bonanza*, which was made popular by a television show in the 1950s, was added to English also. It means “fair weather” in Spanish (McCrum 252). Some Spanish words were engrafted into English through the California Gold Rush.

Many states were added to the United States after the Mexican-American War. This addition introduced the Mexicans to America, thus introducing many Spanish words into the English vocabulary. Because of this, many of America’s state names actually came from Spanish words. *Florida* is a Spanish word that means “flowery.” *Montana* comes from the Spanish word *montana* which means “mountain.” *Nevada* means “showy,” (Jordan). The United States has gotten many state names from Spanish.

The first cowboys were actually Spanish. They were called *vaqueros*, and they introduced cowherding to the Southwest. Some of the words English got from the *vaqueros* were *buckaroo*, *desperado*, and *ten-gallon hat*. *Buckaroo* is the anglicization of *vaquero*. *Desperado* is the original form of *desperado* and means “desperate.” The term *ten-gallon hat* came from *tan galon* which means “so gallant” or from *galon* which means “braid” (Jordan). Spanish cowboys introduced many common southwestern words to English.

Spanish has affected southwestern English through many influences in history. The California Gold Rush played a large role in Spanish words entering into English. The Mexicans and their Spanish also had influence on the English language. Many southwestern cow-herding terms came from *vaqueros*. The English language includes many Spanish words that are used daily.

Works Cited

Jordan, John-Erik. "143 English Words That Are Actually Spanish." Babel.com, 2 March 2015, www.babbel.com/en/magazine/english-words-actually-spanish/. Accessed 4 September 2018.

McCrum, Robert et. al. *The Story of English*. Penguin Books, 1987.

Online Etymology Dictionary. Douglas Harper, 2001-2018, www.etymologyonline.com/word/lasso#etymonline_v_2089. Accessed 19 September 2018.