

Writing Assignment

Organize and write a coherent essay in which you discuss the contributions of a famous mathematician of your choice. You will choose one of four mathematicians to write about: Archimedes, Euclid, Sir Isaac Newton, and Albert Einstein. Below you will find links to these mathematician's biographies, but there are links on my website as well (<http://staff.hartdistrict.org/bwobroc>). Also attached you will find a rubric for grading and a graphic organizer for your outline. You should be familiar with all parts of the outline as well as the structure of a basic essay from your English classes. You may also be wondering why we are writing an essay in math; writing spans the entire curriculum, not just English. We are looking at the organization and structure of a basic essay in this assignment. Students who wish to achieve a high mark will write insightful and richly supported papers, with probably sources other than those provided. The assignment will be worth a quiz grade (50 points) and due on Monday, April 18.

Archimedes:

<http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/%7Ehistory/Mathematicians/Archimedes.html>

Euclid:

<http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/%7Ehistory/Mathematicians/Euclid.html>

Sir Isaac Newton:

<http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/%7Ehistory/Mathematicians/Newton.html>

Albert Einstein:

<http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/%7Ehistory/Mathematicians/Einstein.html>