25th Day of December, 1279

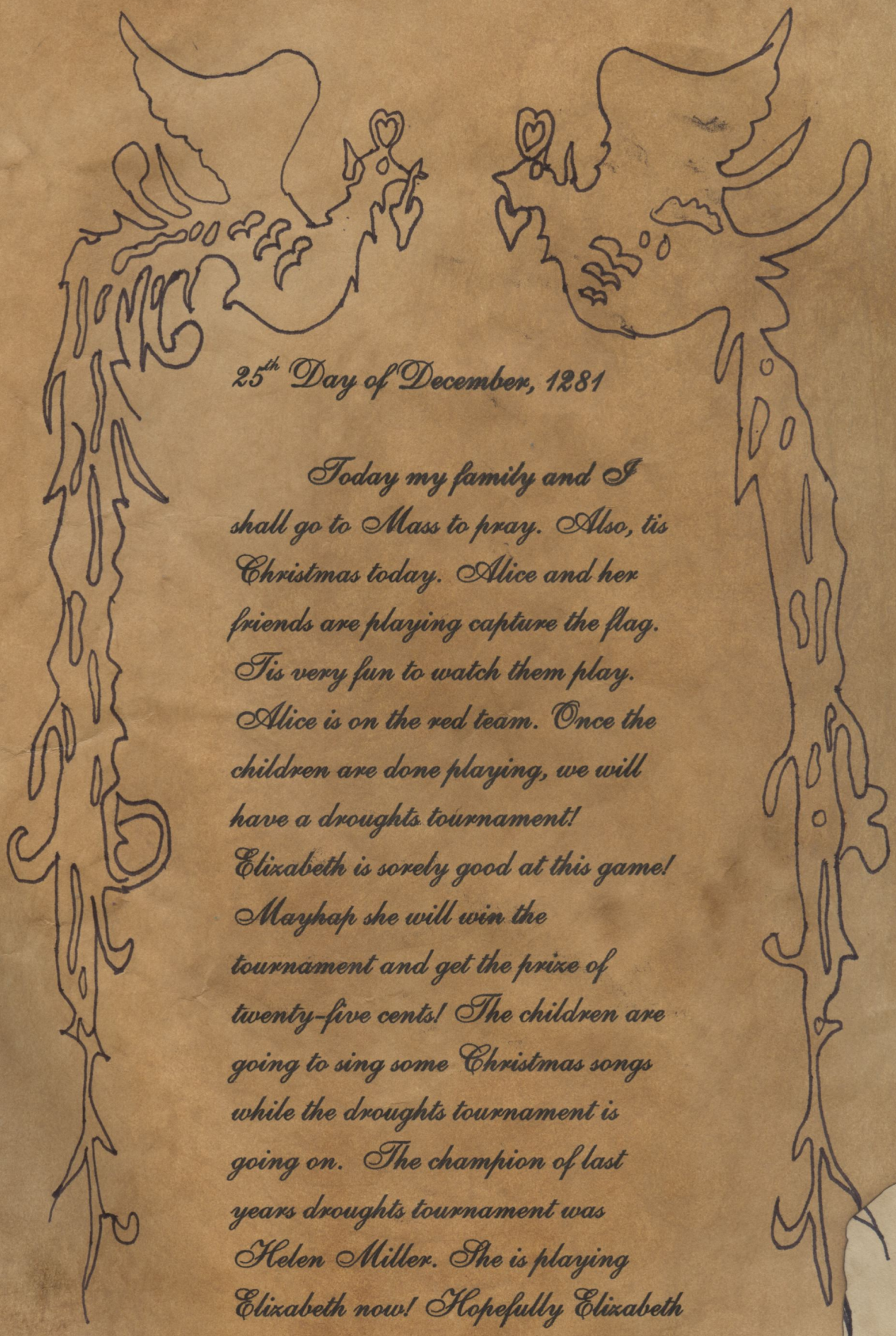
It tis a beautiful white Christmas today! I get the day off from fighting today because of the holiday. After ive eat we shall open our Christmas gift. For our Christmas dinner, we have bread, ale, milk, cheese, chicken, bacon, and a pie. For our Christmas present we all received a blanket made of our favorite colors. Elizabeth made them for us. I just found out the delightful news! Mongol forces under our ruler Kublai have won the final victory over China's Sung Dynasty. Now, thus begins the Yüan dynasty. I am sorely gay!

5th Day of December, 1281

Elizabeth threw me into the river because I smelt so bad. Corpus Bones! The water is sorely cold. We are going back to the manor so I can put on my clothing to fight. I put on my armor with my shield and sword. I am sorely tired to fight now, but I must do my job. Elizabeth and Alice are at the manor weaving dresses for the church event coming up soon. The church event shall be sorely exciting and fun.

21st Day of September, 1281

'Tis a sunny day today here in Japan. Mayhap the rain will come out. A Mongol force sent by Kublai Khan is on a second attempt to take Japan. Here in Japan we call it a "divine wind." I am sorely scared that I will be killed. For lunch, I am having pork, rasins, and bacon. There are no other kinds of foods like fruits and vegetables because of the drought here. I hope it will rain today so farmers can start to grow these foods. Alice has a bad sickness. She has a horrible cough and a runny nose. I hope sorely much that she will be fine. Corpus Bones! The Mongol



25th Day of December, 1281

Today my family and I shall go to Mass to pray. Also, tis Christmas today. Alice and her friends are playing capture the flag. Tis very fun to watch them play. Alice is on the red team. Once the children are done playing, we will have a droughts tournament! Elizabeth is sorely good at this game! Mayhap she will win the tournament and get the prize of twenty-five cents! The children are going to sing some Christmas songs while the droughts tournament is going on. The champion of last years droughts tournament was Helen Miller. She is playing Elizabeth now! Hopefully Elizabeth will win!

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Character: Henry Borg

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		Student Score	Teacher Score
• **Appearance:** WOW!	10 pts.	10	10
Cover, pages, and lettering authentic to the project. Includes name, dates, symbol of the character, and writer's name.			
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The Diary of Henry Borg

1270-1281

19th Day of June, 1272

I Henry Borg am sorely tired of fighting the ninth crusade for King Louis IV here in France. We are fighting against the Mamluks. My wife Elizabeth is sorely tired of weaving docile blankets for warmth. Yesterweek, she started to teach our child, Alice how to weave. Alice keeps on getting tangled in the yarn! Mayhap she will soon learn kow to keep the yarn straight! It tis sorely cold today.