

Project - due 3/27/08

HISTORY OF CRYPTOGRAPHY

1. Work in groups to write a report on the history of cryptography from egyptian times to the modern world. The format for the report is specified below. In particular, focus on the following questions:

- (a) which is the earliest known use of cryptography?
- (b) How did it evolve?
- (c) How did it impact World War I and World War II?

These questions are just hints.. USE YOUR FANTASY! Find all the info, data, and amusing stories that stimulate your curiosity and also that of your classmates!

- 2. Prepare a 10 minutes power point presentation to summarize your work and copy it on a USB key. One of your group will present the work in class on Tuesday April 1st.
- 3. The number of people in each group must be a positive integer larger than 2 and less than 5. Each student must be part of one and only one group.
- 4. Format for the report: 12 font size, 1 inch margin on all sides, single spacing. Length: not less than 3 pages and not more than 5.

5. Evaluation Criteria

- (a) Completeness
- (b) Creativity
- (c) Quality of the report
- (d) Quality of the presentation (all the people in the audience will fill out an evaluation form on the performance of each group)