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8th Grade English Period # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**American Decades Research Project**

**1. Introduction**

You will be required to select one decade in American History from the 1900’s to the 2010’s. Choose **one topic** from the list below. A research paper, a works cited page, and an oral presentation with a PowerPoint slideshow will be required for this project. Several class visits to the Library with Mrs. Golub will be allotted for this assignment.

**2. Topic Choices:**

Architecture/Art

Aviation

Education

Environmental Issues

Famous People

Government

Historical Events

Immigration

Inventions

Legal Issues

Literature

Medicine

Politics

Religion

Technology / Science

Transportation

Women & Minority Groups

Choose **the most important person, event, idea, and/or subject** of the decade you select to research. Focus your research on that one topic; explain the **importance of the topic and how it impacted history.** Investigate your topic through one of the *four chosen lens* (social, historical, economic, scientificlenses).

**3. Requirements**

**The research paper** must be typed, double spaced, and at least **500 words** with twelve-point font. You need parenthetical citations and a works cited page. Your digital presentation will be orally presented to the class.

**\*\*\* Use OFFICE 365. There is an MLA paper template that will properly format your research paper.**

**The oral presentation** should portray only the information you researched. A  **digital presentation** can be an OFFICE 365 presentation PowerPoint slide show or any other digital project. The information must be well organized, accurate, and visually attractive. You may also opt to do a visual project. Directions for the digital presentation and/or visual project will be shared with you in the future.

The oral presentation should be **at least 2 minutes** and will educate the class about why the topic you selected is the most important of your decade and how it impacted history.

**4. Research**

This project will include research visits with your class to the Library.  **At least**  **three sources** are required for this project. You must have parenthetical citations (one quote from each source) and a works cited page.

Plagiarism will result in failure of this project and possible failure of the quarter.

**5. Grading Criteria**

Research paper 60 points

Visual / Oral presentation 30 points

Works cited page 10 points

Due Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_