

20th Century American Culture: Portrayal of the Decades

Objective: Students will select, research and produce on Google Slides the various cultural aspects of a decade from the previous century.

Date Due and Point Value: Projects are to be turned in by Wednesday, June 3. Note: Since it is considered an extra credit assignment, points acquired will only serve to enhance your grade, whether the work is completed or not. The total possible points, if you choose to do and complete the project, is 180 points.

Instructions: Each presentation should include the following:

- 1) A general overview of the culture of that decade in words and pictures. Provide information of the five items you believe make that decade unique from the others of the 20th century (examples might include flappers and jazz of the 1920s; rock-n-roll, poodle skirts and drag races of the 1950s; and disco, leisure suits and pet rocks of the 1980s. This should take up no less than five slides. (25 points)
- 2) Top-10 listings of the most popular songs, movies and books, and toys of the decade. Include at least five visuals to support the info. (20 points)
- 3) An ode to fads of the decade, highlighting some of the quirkiest pastimes of those 10 years. Include visuals to aid info. (15 points)
- 4) A look at the fashion of the decade, examining what was both good and bad about the clothing of the day. Include visuals to supplement the info. (20 points)
- 5) Chronicle the most popular sports and their heroes during the decade. Discuss some of the highlights of the decade. Include a decade timeline naming the World Series, Super Bowl and NBA champions from your era. (25 points)
- 6) Provide biographs and pictures of the 10 most celebrated Americans of that decade. This might include movie stars, inventors, political leaders, writers, etc. (50 points)
- 7) Finish with an annotated timeline of the decade, highlighting the 15 most significant events of the 10 year period. Explain how these events combine together to define your decade. (25 points)

Contact me if you are having problems or need clarification on something.

And, finally, have fun!!!!