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NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROJECT
ASSIGNMENT #4: WHAT ISSUES DO LEADERS CONFRONT?



DUE DATE: NEXT CLASS PERIOD

LOCATING YOUR GENUINE AREA OF INTEREST

PART I: HISTORICAL ISSUES OF LEADERSHIP

ACTIVITY RATIONALE: The National History Day project is going to take up a pretty solid chunk of the next two months of our lives. Therefore, we want to make sure we are going to be spending that time invested in something that truly and genuinely interests you. One of the great perks of the 10th grade history year is that you get to choose your topic. Taking a moment to pause on focusing on specific leaders, today, we're going to be as open-minded as possible about time periods, and issues that are of genuine interest.

ACTIVITY DIRECTIONS: Below, for 20 minutes, without computers, brainstorm historical events, time periods and issues that you think you might be interested in. ***Don't edit yourself!*** If there is even the tiniest spark of interest - even if you don't know a single fact about the topic, list it. After 20 minutes, we'll spend the remainder of class using the computers to expand your list of topics.

<u>TIME PERIODS OF INTEREST</u> <i>(i.e. Zimbabwe in the 1990's, France in the 1950's, Chile in the 1980's, etc)</i>	<u>ISSUES OF INTEREST</u> <i>(i.e. women's rights, environmental issues, female leadership, political prisoners, child-workers, etc)</i>

CLASSWORK & HOMEWORK

PART II: AREAS OF INTEREST

DIRECTIONS: Of the areas of interest you just listed, select 5 that seem most interesting to you right now. Explain what it is that has you interested in them. Any justification is a valid justification at this point. Just say as much as you can about why. For example, if you are interested in environmental issues, you might say “I don’t really know a lot about the history of environmental movements or how I got started, but I’d really like to learn...”

Then, using the computers, locate 1 - 2 facts about the topic of interest that further your interest. Finish for homework.

1.) AREA OF INTEREST #1:

What is interesting about this topic?

What facts about this time period / issue further your interest?

2.) AREA OF INTEREST #2:

What is interesting about this topic?

What facts about this time period / issue further your interest?

3.) AREA OF INTEREST #3:

What is interesting about this topic?

What facts about this time period / issue person further your interest?

4.) AREA OF INTEREST #4:

What is interesting about this topic?

What facts about this time period / issue person further your interest?

5.) AREA OF INTEREST #5:

What is interesting about this topic?

What facts about this time period / event further your interest?