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NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROJECT

ASSIGNMENT #6: WHAT ARE THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING STORIES OF LEADERSHIP?



DUE DATE: NEXT CLASS PERIOD

PART I: LEADER & AREA OF INTEREST ALIGNMENT

DIRECTIONS: Without your partner(s), looking at the last three topics you have narrowed, select two that you believe are of greater interest to you. Identify a potential leader of interest that is connected to an *area* of interest and list them in the corresponding spaces below. Then, to ensure that you have combined your interests into something that is a useable topic, try to create a title for the interests that you have listed.

****By no means**, are you limited to these two potential topics. Again, if you discover a new topic that is of greater interest to you, then **select** that topic.**

AREA OF INTEREST #1 <small>(i.e. historical, political or social issue – eg: absolutism in the 17th century, environmentalism, etc)</small>	<u>RELEVANT</u> LEADER OF INTEREST #1

WHAT IS A POTENTIAL TITLE FOR THIS TOPIC?
(i.e. “The Legacy of Leymah Gbowee’s role in the Liberian Civil War,” “Charles Taylor: Great Liberian Leader or Brutal Ruler,” “Mao Zedong the Legacy of the Great Leap Forward,” etc.

AREA OF INTEREST #2 <small>(i.e. historical, political or social issue – eg: absolutism in the 17th century, environmentalism, etc)</small>	<u>RELEVANT</u> LEADER OF INTEREST #2

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PART II: HISTORICAL TOPIC SPEED DATING PREP.

DIRECTIONS: In tomorrow's class, we are going to have an activity known as "historical topic speed-dating." In this activity, you will be responsible for presenting the two potential topics you have listed on the previous page. In order to best prepare so that both you and your peers can increase their pools of potential topics, you need to be somewhat of a minor expert on your two potential topics. In order to do this, fully respond to the questions listed below for each potential topic.

POTENTIAL TOPIC #1

1.) What is the historical background surrounding this topic?

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2.) What individual is in a leadership position in this topic? What is that individual's personal background? What is their story of leadership in this topic?

For example, if your topic is, "Joseph Stalin & the legacy of his leadership in World War II," you are going to want to, as briefly as you can and to the best of your ability, provide a brief background on the origin story of Joseph Stalin (where are they from, political stance, etc) as well as Stalin's role as a leader in WWII.

3.) What is the legacy of this topic? How has this topic been remembered throughout history? How is this topic generally remembered in history **now**?

For example, if your topic is, "Joseph Stalin & the legacy of his leadership in World War II," you are going to want to, as briefly as you can and to the best of your ability, provide a brief explanation of how Stalin has been remembered as both a great leader and brutal dictator. Or, in another case, how a legacy of one's leadership has changed over time.

4.) Why is this topic interesting?

For example, if your topic is, "Joseph Stalin & the legacy of his leadership in World War II," you are going to want to, as briefly as you can and to the best of your ability, provide a brief explanation of how you have always been curious about Russia, or you want to find out what the Soviet Union is, or your knowledge of mid-19th century leaders is foggy and you want to increase your awareness, etc.

POTENTIAL TOPIC #2

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