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NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROJECT

ASSIGNMENT #8



DUE DATE: NEXT CLASS PERIOD

PART I: TOPIC PROPOSAL

ACTIVITY RATIONALE & OVERVIEW: At the beginning of class on Tuesday, December 9th, you and your partner(s) will submit to me a well worded, typed, one-page (3 paragraph) topic proposal for your NHD project. That means one proposal per group.

At this point, you do not need to have conducted deep, wide-ranging research. Instead, this proposal is an explanation, based on what you know so far, about why you want to spend the next couple months on this leader. Your proposal should include:

Paragraph 1

- your leader's name
- brief historical context—when and where did he/she live, what was happening at the time, how was your leader involved

Paragraph 2

- brief description of the leadership characteristics you have identified so far (this will not yet be anywhere near a complete list, of course, but it is important to take stock of where you're starting)
- explain why the group is interested in this leader—be persuasive that this is an interesting, excellent choice! I need to be convinced that this is a topic that you & your partner think is interesting.

Paragraph 3

- a plan for what you need to do next (what background information do you need to learn more about, what terms do you need to define, what information do you need in order to learn more about this person as a leader, what big questions do you have, etc.)
- an explanation of how your topic meets the basic requirements listed at the bottom of this page.

Your proposal should be single-spaced, typed, 12-point font, with 1" margins. Please make sure that all members of the group have their name on the proposal. **This assignment will count for two homework assignments for the quarter.**

Basic requirements to remember:

- your topic must be of a global nature. If the individual you are researching is American, they must have a **significant** global connection, impact, etc.
- the time period allowed is anywhere from 1500-2000
- your final project will be a website, so if you are deciding between a couple possible leaders, it might be worth considering which is more "website-friendly" (*i.e. visual evidence achieved through paintings, political cartoons, videos of historical moments, newspaper headlines, audiofiles of speeches, etc*)

ACTIVITY DIRECTIONS: Working with your partner(s), begin writing this proposal. Take this opportunity to discuss your topic with your partner, as well as double check with me if your topic meets the basic requirements. Staple this sheet to your topic proposal when you eventually turn in to me on Tuesday, December 9th.