**Gifted Georgia Studies: Final Research Project**

**This project should demonstrate you are able to:**

* Distinguish between relevant and irrelevant sources
* Effectively inform an audience about a particular topic
* Summarize, paraphrase, and directly cite evidence
* Distinguish between primary and secondary documents
* Produce clear, coherent, and error-free work

**Details**: Research a topic we have not covered this year. There are MULTIPLE possibilities on the back of this sheet. You are not limited to these, but you must clear your topic with Ms. Fielder.

**Final Product Options:**

* Research Paper
  + 2,000-2,500 words
  + Footnotes or in-text citations
  + Bibliography
  + 12 point BASIC font
* Oral Presentation
  + Power Point, Keynote, Prezi, Website
  + 5-7 Minutes
  + Slides must have visuals (cited)
  + There must be a bibliography
* Photo Essay
  + 15-25 images with captions
  + Cite images; include a bibliography
  + 500-1,000 words

**Evaluation**: Informational Writing Rubric (with some modifications). This assignment counts for THREE grades: homework, classwork, and project.

**Research Requirements:**

* 2 primary sources (newspapers, news broadcasts, photographs)
* 1 “popular culture” secondary source (novel, film, art, fashion)
* 5 secondary sources (nonfiction, websites, encyclopedia, articles)

**Submission Requirements:**

* Email Presentations and photo essays to [smschallenge@gmail.com](mailto:smschallenge@gmail.com) or share them via Google.
* Print papers

**Dates:**

Project Research/Writing Days:

**4/24 (Lab 265)**

**4/27 (Macs)**

**4/28 (Macs**

**4/29 (Macs**

**4/30 (Macs)**

**5/6 (Macs)**

**5/7 (Macs)**

**5/8 (Macs)**

* Project Assigned: 4/20
* Topic due (email is fine): 4/27
* Brief outline/project plan and revised topic(email): 5/1
* May 4-5 (NYC Trip): Movie Review
* Presentations: 5/11-5/14
* Essay Final Exam: May 18
* Multiple Choice Final Exam Part I: May 19
* Multiple Choice Final Exam Part II: May 20
* Final Assignment, Course Survey, Folders Returned: May 21
* PROMOTION: May 22

**Possible Eras/Topics For Study:**

***Note***: Many of these are very broad. You may find a “topic within a topic” as you proceed with your research. That is why there is a “revised topic” date listed above.

**Colonial/Revolutionary Era**

Founding Fathers and Slavery

Abigail Adams

Foundations of Protest: Taverns, Pamphlets, Broadsides

Native American Conflicts

**Early United States/Antebellum**

Early Economic Rebellions

Slave Rebellions

Minstrel Shows

Abolition Movements

Women’s Suffrage

Spiritualism

Steamboats and the Mississippi River

**Reconstruction**

Lost Cause

Convict Leasing

Supreme Court

**Cities**

Boston

New Orleans

New York

Chicago

Savannah

Charleston

Los Angeles

Mill Towns

Mining Towns

**Conceptual**

Origins of Racism

Rise of the Middle Class

American Innovations

Non-white slaveowners

Present-Day Effects of slavery or Indian Removal

Secretive Military Operations

Terrorism (on U.S. Soil)

Food

Physical Fitness

Labor Movement

**1920s**

Flappers

Prohibition

Organized Crime

**1940s**

WWII—homefront, propaganda, generals…

Eleanor Roosevelt

**1950s**

Red Scare

Suburbia

Popular Culture

**1960s**

Vietnam

Korea

Antiwar Protests

Popular Culture

1968

**1980s**

Ronald Reagan

Popular Culture

Technology

Political Issues

Social Issues

**Crime**

Outlaws

Lindbergh Baby Kidnapping

Boy in the Box

“Wild West”

Atlanta Child Murders

Bonnie and Clyde

Mollie Digby Kidnapping

**Education**

Early American Colleges and Universties

Early public schools

The one room schoolhouse

Race and College Sports

Pre 1980 feats such as UCLA Men’s Basketball, Miracle Mets…