**WHERE TO START FINDING INFORMATION ON YOUR TOPIC?**

**Overview: Your final project is due on May 29th for A-Day & May 30th for B-Day. On this day you will show your movie or present your project to the class for your 15% final exam grade.**

**Your job for the first week is to learn as much as you can about your topic!**

**Mr. C will post in Canvas individual assignments to show me your research you are doing by yourself. But eventually you need to share all your research with your group to make one movie/project together.**

**It is up to you to find information and learn about your topic yourselves! However, Mr. Ciambarella will give you some suggestions on places to find information and possible ways to structure your project here below. These are only suggestions. You do NOT have to follow Mr. C suggestions.**

**Topic #1: Comparing The Vietnam War & The 2003 Iraq War**

1. Overview: How are The Vietnam War & 2003 Iraq War similar and different?

-How did they have similar/different causes?

-How was the fighting similar/different?

-How did they have similar/different effects on USA and world?

1. Where to find information?
2. Start with Wikipedia information on each war
3. Read our textbooks (Blue-America: A Narrative History and/or Red-The Americans) Chapters on Vietnam War and also 2003 Iraq War
4. Watch youtube videos about them.
5. Great documentary series about Vietnam War: [Watch The Vietnam War | A Film by Ken Burns & Lynn Novick | PBS](https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-vietnam-war/)
6. Great documentary about 2003 Iraq War: [Fahrenheit 9/11 (2004) - IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0361596/)

**Topic #2: Analyzing two 1960s-70s Social Movements…and what’s happening with them today**

1. Overview: Read The Red Americans Textbook Chapter 31: An Era of Social Change

-Choose 2 of these groups to compare/contrast:

Latino/Chicano Movement

Native American Movement

2nd Wave Women’s Feminist Movement

“Hippie” Counterculture Movement

-In 1960s-80s What OBSTACLES did they face? -How did they RESIST? -How successful & not and why? What’s happening today with obstacles, resistance, and successes also?

1. Where to find information?
2. Start with Wikipedia information on each group
3. Read our textbooks (Blue-America: A Narrative History and/or Red-The Americans)
4. Watch youtube videos about them.
5. Great movie about 2nd wave feminism: [(15) She's Beautiful When She's Angry - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-n829QzZ58&t=745s)
6. Great movies about Latino/Chicano Movements: [Walkout (TV Movie 2006) - IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0452703/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1)

[Cesar Chavez (2014) - IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1621046/?ref_=nv_sr_srsg_3_tt_1_nm_7_q_chavez)

[Dolores Huerta - IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0400088/?ref_=nv_sr_srsg_0_tt_7_nm_1_q_dolores%2520huerta)

**Topic #3: Analyzing Asian-American History 1960s-present**

-We have spent a lot of time this semester talking about The African-American Civil Rights Movement and how it inspired other minority groups to form their own social movements. However, textbooks do not spend much time on “Asian-American Modern History” (1960s-present)- so this can be your topic. Some questions to consider would be…

1. Was there an Asian-American Rights Movement 1960s-present?

 a. If yes- explain it. How was it similar or different from other social movements?

 b. If no- why not?

2. Incorporate your family’s own ‘family history’ into this project! Explain how your own family’s history relates to what you learn about Asian-American Modern History 1960s-present

3. What were OBSTACLES Asian-Americans faced 1960s-present?

 b. What were different FORMS OF RESISTANCE used by Asian-Americans against these obstacles?

 c. What SUCCESSES did they have? What FAILURES did they have? And WHY?

 d. What work is left to continue to do today?

4. HERE ARE SOME SOURCES YOU CAN USE FOR YOUR RESEARCH:

a. Helen Zia’s book- *Asian American Dreams*. I have many copies in the classroom. Also I copied many chapters on my website. So click on “US Unit 7-9” You will see under WEEK 7 materials I copied Zia Chapter 2 Zia Chapter 3, etc, etc…..

b. Talk with TAS English Department faculty Ms. Brenda Lin about her book *Wealth Ribbon: Taiwan Bound, America Bound*

c. Watch the wonderful PBS Documentary series: *Asian-Americans*

Here is a link to the site: [Asian Americans | PBS](https://www.pbs.org/show/asian-americans/)

**Topic #4: Analyzing LGBTQ+ History and Movement 1970s-today**

1. Possible Overview:

 a. What were OBSTACLES LGBTQ+ community in the USA faced 1960s-present?

 b. What were different FORMS OF RESISTANCE used against these obstacles?

 c. What SUCCESSES did they have? What FAILURES did they have? And WHY?

 d. What work is left to continue to do today?

2. HERE ARE SOME SOURCES YOU CAN USE FOR YOUR RESEARCH:

a. This website for a brief overview: [Brief history of the LGBT Movement in the United States | Version Daily](https://www.versiondaily.com/brief-history-of-the-lgbt-movement-in-the-united-states/)

b. Check out this website and TIMELINE (especially starting with 1961 events and after):

 <http://www.lgbtqhistory.org/lgbt-rights-timeline-in-american-history/>

1. Look for information about Harvey Milk and watch the movie MILK ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milk\_(2008\_American\_film)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milk_%282008_American_film%29)
2. Watch one of these documentaries: <https://time.com/5589725/best-lgbtq-documentaries/>

**Topic #5: Analyzing two (or more) Conservative Presidents 1970s-today (Reagan, Bush, Bush, Trump)**

1. Overview: Choose 2 of these Presidents

-Analyze each Presidency:

 a) What were its successes?

 b) What were its failures?

 c)What were its controversies?

 d) Why was it a “conservative” Presidency?

 e) What’s your overall analysis of this Presidency?

-Compare and contrast the 2 Presidencies you choose:

 -How similar and different and why?

-NOTE: DO NOT SPEND LOTS OF TIME ON BIOGRAPHY of the President!!!! Focus on their Presidency…(Not their childhood!)

1. Where to find information?
2. Start with Wikipedia information on each Presidency
3. Read our textbooks (Blue-America: A Narrative History and/or Red-The Americans) Chapters on their Presidency
4. Watch youtube videos about them.
5. If you do President Reagan you can look at my website: “US Unit 7-9” Click on “Week 9 ALL People REAGAN”

**Topic #6: Analyzing two (or more) Liberal Presidents 1970s-today (Carter, Clinton, Obama) (cannot do Biden)**

1. Overview: Choose 2 of these Presidents

-Analyze each Presidency:

 a) What were its successes?

 b) What were its failures?

 c)What were its controversies?

 d) Why was it a “Liberal” Presidency?

 e) What’s your overall analysis of this Presidency?

-Compare and contrast the 2 Presidencies you choose:

 -How similar and different and why?

-NOTE: DO NOT SPEND LOTS OF TIME ON BIOGRAPHY of the President!!!! Focus on their Presidency…(Not their childhood!)

1. Where to find information?
2. Start with Wikipedia information on each Presidency
3. Read our textbooks (Blue-America: A Narrative History and/or Red-The Americans) Chapters on their Presidency
4. Watch youtube videos about them.
5. If you do President Clinton you can look at my website: “US Unit 7-9” Click on “Week 9 ALL People CLINTON”
6. Nice movie series about Obama’s Presidency: [Obama: In Pursuit of a More Perfect Union (TV Series 2021– ) - IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt14734578/)

**Topic #7: Analyzing USA international relations History with Taiwan and China 1970s-present**

1. Overview: Give an overview of the History of foreign relations between USA and Taiwan/China from 1970s to the present
2. Give your analysis of what should happen in the present and future as well?
3. Where to find information?
4. Start with Wikipedia information
5. Read our textbooks (Blue-America: A Narrative History and/or Red-The Americans)
6. Watch youtube videos about this.
7. Feel free to also include INTERVIEWS with people here at TAS and in Taiwan about this topic and include their interviews in your project as well!

**Topic #8: Analyzing the 2008 USA Financial Crisis & Modern USA Economic Problems**

1. You need to show you have a good understanding of the 2008 Financial Crisis in the USA.
2. What were its causes?
3. Who/What deserves "the blame"?
4. What were major events of this crisis?
5. How did the crisis affect the USA and Americans?
6. How was this crisis dealt with?
7. Was this crisis solved? Why? How? Why not?, etc…
8. Do you see any connections to the 1930s Great Depression in the USA?
9. Some good movies to watch about this are *Too Big to Fail* and *The Big Short*
10. Also give an overview of what you consider to be some of the major economic problems facing the USA at present as well.
11. Choose 1 or 2 current problems and explain them.
12. Where to find information:
13. Start with Wikipedia about the 2008 Financial Crisis
14. Our blue textbook has information on the 2008 Financial Crisis
15. Watch these movies:

[The Big Short (2015) - IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1596363/?ref_=nv_sr_srsg_0_tt_8_nm_0_q_the%2520big%2520short)

[Too Big to Fail (TV Movie 2011) - IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1742683/?ref_=nv_sr_srsg_0_tt_8_nm_0_q_too%2520big%2520to%2520fail)

[Inequality for All (2013) - IMDb](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2215151/)