Third Quarter

Research Paper Criteria (Honors)

**Your research report will examine how one person/group of people has been treated unjustly or unfairly in history - targeted because of their race, religion, cultural background, gender or sexual preference. Your report must answer the following research questions:**

1. ***Why* was your topic treated unjustly/unfairly?**
2. ***How* was your topic treated unjustly/unfairly?**
3. ***How* did your topic *influence* or *impac*t *society*?**

**Research Report Criteria:**

1. The person/group of people must be historical (played a role in history).
2. The report must be **4 pages** typed (double-spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman). *Handwritten papers will not be accepted*.
3. You must have a **“Works Cited”** page as well as **in-text citations** in your report. *Failure to do either one of these will result in an F*.
4. You will be given three days to research during class, but the rest of the research must be done on your own time.
5. We will create this research paper in pieces, so do not go home and write the entire paper in one night. Each component of the research paper will receive a separate grade (until you reach the final copy stage).
6. This report will be worth **200 points (two test grades).**

**Select one topic from the list below that you would like to research, or ask Mr. Odorizzi to approve a topic that is not on the list.**

1600s

* Salem Witch Trials

1900s

* Immigration to Ellis Island - the mistreatment upon arrival

(Choose one culture: Irish, Italian, Polish, etc.)

* Child labor laws

1920s

* Women’s right to vote

1940s

* Japanese Internment Camps after attack on Pearl Harbor
* The Holocaust: (select one of the following)
* One concentration camp
* One victim of the Holocaust (not Anne Frank)

1950s/1960s (You cannot select Ruby Bridges, Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, or Malcolm X)

* Segregation in schools – Little Rock Nine
* Segregation in sports
* Birmingham, Alabama church bombing
* Mississippi Burning
* Jim Crow laws (focus on the history and implementation of those laws)
* Ku Klux Klan *victims*
* Emmett Till

1970s

* Mistreatment of American Vietnam War veterans
* Genocide in Cambodia

1980s

* Discrimination in schools (of AIDS patients) – Ryan White or another student
* Genocide in Guatemala

1990s

* Racial profiling
* Hate crimes – Matthew Shepard (or any hate crime)
* Genocide in Rwanda
* Child soldiers in Sierra Leone

2000s

* Muslims/Arab-Americans profiled after 9/11/01
* Same-sex marriages/gay rights
* Children in Uganda (“Invisible Children”)
* Genocide in Darfur, Sudan
* Exploitation of children in diamond mines in Sierra Leone
* Albinos in Africa

\*\*\*This is a very limited list. You may research another topic as long as I approve it.

My topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What I know about this topic:

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What I want to learn about this topic:

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My second choice topic: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_