

Current Events & History Project: Boyd | 2014

Learner Name: _____ **Period:** _____ **Date:** _____

What is history anyway? What should be included in the definition of history? What is the relevance of history today? How can history be interpreted? Who writes history? How did they chose what became history?

This research project is meant to both help you both understand history better, and gain an in-depth understanding of a current event. For this project, you will need to choose a current event that is occurring in another nation. The current event must be substantial, and have major news coverage (you must be able to find at least 5 different news articles over the span of two weeks). You will become familiar with and use different news sources (magazines, international and national newspapers, radio programs, or news clips) to do research on a current event.

Once you have chosen your topic, and completed your research, you will be responsible for completing the following:

- 3 page (minimum) inquiry paper:
- Explain the background of the current event & relevant history behind this current event | NO more than ½ page
- Explain the current event | NO more than ½ - ¾ page
- Explain if you think this topic will be covered in future history textbooks OR left out entirely| BULK of paper
 - YOU MUST PICK A SIDE - will be in future history books or NOT
 - DO NOT argue that it will be MAYBE or MAYBE NOT

Presentation:

Present your current event & your position: will this event be covered in future textbooks - why or why not
-Presentation must be at least 2 minutes
-Presentation has to use an appropriate presentation tool (Power point, or Windows Movie maker / iMovie)

Important Dates:

Topic Proposal: Feb 6 / 7 **(30 points)**
Outline & Bibliography: March 6 / 7 **(50 points)**
Rough Draft: March 20 / 21 **(50 Points)**
Final draft of paper due: April 2 /3 **(75 points)**
Presentations: April 24 /25 **(75 Points)**

Student signature: _____ Parent / Guardian signature: _____

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Initial Proposal / Mrs. Boyd/ World History Learner:

For your initial proposal, please suggest 3 topics that they are interested in. The topics for this project **MUST** be a current event that has occurred within the last 12 months, or is currently an ongoing event. The current event must be taking place in a nation **OUTSIDE** of the United States.

Some examples or suggestions:

New Delhi Rape Case (India)
Hugo Chavez's decline (Venezuela)
Russia and the Olympics
Brazil's Youth Anti-Government Demonstrations
Beijing & air pollution
Political protests in Thailand
Syria's use of chemical weapons
Waste and the Mafia

Below, is a space to begin thinking about / suggesting topics. You will be required to suggest 4 topics that you are interested in pursuing for this project. Mrs. Boyd will review them, and rank them for you. You are then going to pick from these topics which one you will pursue as your research project topic. Final project proposal forms will be given out soon after these initial proposals are returned to you.

First Suggestion

Current Event	
Country:	
When it took place:	
Who was involved:	
3 facts about what happened:	
Why is this a good topic:	

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Second Option

Current Event	
Country:	
When it took place:	
Who was involved:	
3 facts about what happened:	
Why is this a good topic:	

Third Option

Current Event	
Country:	
When it took place:	
Who was involved:	
3 facts about what happened:	
Why is this a good topic:	