

Grades 6-12 Social Studies Choice Menu


Teacher : _____ Scholar Name: _____

Directions: Greetings East Orange School District history scholars! Based on the current unit or chapter of study in your social studies class, your task is to complete 6 out of the 12 assignments featured in the learning menu below. *You must start with number 5* and then make five other choices to complete your learning menu with a total of 6 completed assignments. Please ensure that you fulfill all of the requirements. Also, all writing assignments must be written in your own words. Be creative, be authentic, have fun and do your best!

<p>1 Write a Newspaper Article that explains the facts and details from an important event in the current historical time period of study. Include reactions of people at the time along with quotes, interviews, etc. Include specific details. (Minimum 1 page)</p>	<p>2 Create four character trading cards using the digital tool of your choice or using construction paper and other materials. Remember to include the historical figure's name, an image (you're able to draw or print an image), and at least five facts for each historical figure.</p> <p>Please note: (The front of the card should contain a color picture of the person and their name. The back should include important facts and information about the person's significance in history.)</p>	<p>3 Write a 1-page diary entry from the point of view of one of your favorite historical figures in your current unit or chapter of study. You should select someone that you learned about that contributed to the history of the state, nation, or the world. The diary entry should be written from the historical figure's perspective. Explain how this person would have felt in response to the important events of the time. Include specific details about the person's life.</p> <p>Please note: This assignment can be written or typed.</p>
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<p>4 Create an interactive digital timeline of events from the historical time period. Include important dates, historical figures, conflicts and resolution, images to represent each event, and links to additional information, videos, etc.</p>	<p>5 Write a one-paragraph summary of the current historical time period of study. Explain the time period in one paragraph. Add an image of the historical time period that best represents the historical time period. You may draw or print the image. Please do not plagiarize; your summary should be written in your own words.</p> 	<p>6 If this historical time period had a soundtrack, what would it be? Create a YouTube playlist with at least 10 songs that would make a great soundtrack. In 2-3 sentences, explain how each song choice is connected to the historical time period in a Google Doc, Word document, or you can neatly write the assignment.</p> <p>Please note: Each song selected must be free of profanity and vulgar language.</p>
<p>7 Create a comic strip retelling the story of your current historical time period of study in your own words. Be sure to include all of the important historical figures, exciting events, conflicts, resolution and images.</p>	<p>8 Create a 3-5 minute historical documentary using the digital tool of your choice. Remember to include music to set the tone, and tell a brief story about the historical time period featuring historical figures and key events. Include images, audio, and be creative! Don't forget to include the credits!</p>	<p>9 Create a new book cover for your favorite historical leader or event based on the current time period of study. Use the digital tool of your choice or the artistic medium of your choice (draw, paint, etc.). Remember to include a summary about the author and an eye-catching cover image.</p>

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Write a **Persuasive Speech** Imagine that you are one of the important historical figures from the current time period of study. Write a speech that this person might have given at the time to persuade people to follow his/her ideas and/or actions. (Minimum 1 page)

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Create a **Test** based on your current historical time period of study featuring **15 multiple choice questions** and **5 short answer questions**. The test must have a **title** and an **answer key**.

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Create a **tri-fold brochure** based on the current historical time period. You can organize and design your brochure however you like, but it must include the following information:

1. **Cover Page**- With the title of the historical time period.
2. **Geography**- Specify the location(s) of the historical time period by including a map-you can draw the map or include a printed picture of a map.
3. **Important historical events**- Include images, dates, and explanations of the events.
4. **Important people**-Include images, dates and, explanations of historical figures from the time period of study.
5. **Fascinating Facts**-Include images, dates, and, explanations.



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		<p>6. Your name, date, teacher, and period must appear somewhere on the front of the brochure (if the brochure is typed this should be in a small font or written, using small letters).</p>
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Learning Menu Grading Criteria

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<p>Assignment is thorough and complete and contains excellent details with specific examples to demonstrate an in-depth understanding of concepts and ideas.</p>	<p>Assignment is complete and contains details and examples to demonstrate an understanding of concepts and ideas.</p>	<p>Assignment is basic and contains few details or examples. Approaching understanding of concepts and ideas.</p>	<p>Assignment is incomplete and contains little/no details or examples, and does not demonstrate understanding of concepts and ideas.</p>

Scholar Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date _____