Civil Rights Research- Due December 11, 2015

Choose one of the topics below for your Civil Rights Research Project. Find resources via the internet and text. The resources you will find include a variety of information including websites, newspaper articles, interviews, audio clips, timelines, and pictures. You will need to read through the resources and gather information for your report/response. You may find some of the resources more useful than others. Wikipedia may not be used as a source. You are free to read Wikipedia, but it is not a source. Remember to pay attention to the details and take notes.

You are required to have an accurate bibliography of your sources. I recommend that you use Easybib.com MLA style since that is what we have to use for NHD. Make sure that you annotate each source. You can do this in the easybib site.

Choose One of the Following Topics:

**Songs of the Civil Rights Movement**
(choose five) – Music was an important part of the Civil Rights Movement. Research how music impacted the movement and the people of this time. Find five specific songs and analyze them for their connection to the movement. Explain what they represent in the movement and what they mean.

**Important Figures of the Civil Rights Movement**
(choose one) – Choose one important figure from the Civil Rights movement (see list below for choices or if you have one of your own, come see me). Research their life and their connection to the movement (the majority of research should be about their involvement in the Civil Rights Movement). Why are they important to the Civil Rights Movement?

- Jim Zwerg
- John Lewis
- Little Rock Nine
- Emmet Till
- Jimmie Lee Jackson
- James Meredith
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Rosa Parks

- 1962 James Meredith- becomes the first African-American student to enroll at the University of Mississippi. Violence and riots surrounding the incident cause President Kennedy to send 5,000 federal troops.
• 1962 Fannie Lou Hamer - a Mississippi sharecropper, was beaten and jailed in 1962 for trying to register to vote. She co-founded the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and gave a fiery speech at the 1964 Democratic National Convention.
• 1962 CPL. Roman Ducksworth Jr.- Taken from bus and killed by police, Taylorsville, Miss
• 1963 Medgar Evers- Civil Rights leader assassinated, Jackson, Miss.
• 1963 Denise McNair, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson, and Addie Mae Collins- Four young girls attending Sunday school are killed when a bomb explodes at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, a popular location for civil rights meetings. Riots erupt in Birmingham, leading to the deaths of two more black youths.
• 1968 Shirley Chisholm- becomes the first African American woman to be elected to Congress.

The Woman’s Place in the Civil Rights Movement
(choose one) – Research how women affected the Civil Rights Movement. Then choose one important woman activist and research her connection the movement. Why was that person important? How did their contributions differ from the male leaders?

Important Events of the Civil Rights Movement
(choose one) -Choose one important event from the Civil Rights movement (see list below for choices or if you have one of your own, come see me). Research this event and its connection to the movement. How did this event impact later events or important figures?

Brown Vs. Board of Education
Little Rock 9
16th Street Baptist Church Bombing
Freedom Summer
Children's Crusade/Birmingham Campaign
Freedom Rides
Montgomery Bus Boycott
Voting Rights Act 1965

• 1960 Lunch Counter Sit-ins- Four African American college students hold a sit-in to integrate a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., launching a wave of similar protests across the South.
• 1963 MLK Jr’s Letter from Birmingham Jail inspired a growing national civil rights movement.
• 1963 March on Washington- More than 200,000 people march on Washington, D.C., in the largest civil rights demonstration ever; Martin Luther King, Jr., gives his "I Have a Dream" speech.
• 1963 Twenty- Fourth Amendment - Abolishes the poll tax, which originally had been instituted in 11 southern states after Reconstruction to make it difficult for poor African-Americans to vote.
• 1964 Civil Rights Act- President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act, which gives the federal government far-reaching powers to prosecute discrimination in employment, voting, and education.
• 1965 Selma-Montgomery March- King organizes a protest march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, for African American voting rights. A shocked nation watches on television as police club and tear gas protesters.
• 1965 Voting Rights Act- Outlawed the practices used in the South to disenfranchise African American voters
• 1968- Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Memphis, Tennessee. His murder sparks a week of rioting across the country.

At the end of the research, you will be responsible for presenting your topic in a final product. You will also be creating a short (around 5 minutes) presentation about your topic that you will share with the class. Ideas for final product -

Prezi (online presentation tool)
Powerpoint
ThingLink-Make your images interactive
Brochure (created digitally)
Zooburst (online storybook- Pop up book maker)
Animoto Video (video maker)
Mixbook (online scrapbook)
Poster -Must be neat and not handwritten- Look at my NHD examples for ideas
Weebly website
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Bibliography- done is easy bib, at least 3 sources, annotated, MLA style- 25
Product– chosen product is clear, content is correct, writing is well done, information is correct - 50
Presentation– Product/visual was used in presentation, speaker was clear and to the point, good presentation skills - 15
Participation– worked well during class time, was respectful during presentations - 10

***ANY plagerism will result in a zero and the project will have to be completed again with a new topic. All work will be checked with a plagiarism checker.