

Term Research Projects

In the groups that you have placed yourselves (no more than 4 people only), choose one of the following topics and prepare a 20 – 30 minute presentation that will also make effective use of audio and or visual aids. Remember that visual aids don't have to be Prezi or Powerpoint, you can be creative. On the day of your presentation you must provide the class with a one page hand out that gives them the key points of what you are talking about. Ensure that there is room for them to add their own notes, based on your presentation because this information may appear on the final exam.

This assignment will assess your knowledge and understanding, communication, and application skills, be graded out of 60, and marked using the following rubric. While this is group work you will be assessed on individual effort so don't worry about what others in your group are doing as their work doesn't effect your mark. Please ensure you submit this rubric to me on the day of your presentation.

Topics

- 1) Chart and discuss the development of the Women's movement in Europe. Who were the key players, how did the movements differ from country to country, what kind of success did they have, etc...? How have they changed over the centuries covered in this course?
- 2) Looking at contact with other civilizations, were these people really savages as the Europeans saw them? Or were they civilized nations of people who were just dressed differently? To do this you will need to look at 3 different civilizations that Europeans encountered. Be sure that you make a comparison to Europe. Examine the economics, political structure, and legal systems that existed within each one and compare it to the European countries of the time to answer this question.
- 3) Chart and discuss the inventions, development, and changes in music during the Renaissance, through to the end of the Industrial Revolution, and how they came to be the standard of music in the Western world. You are going to have to research the composers of the time, the genres of music, and they types of instruments played, etc... to answer this one.
- 4) Discuss the contributions to law, politics, and personal relationships that were made by the philosophes and how they had a lasting impact on Europe heading into the 20th Century.

- 5) Discuss how the art of the Renaissance and Enlightenment reflected the social, economic, and political change of these periods. To do this you are going to have to discuss specific pieces of art from the movements that existed during this period. For each painting you present, it must reflect the economics, social order/expectations, religious expectations/dilemmas, or war and conquest of the time. Do NOT present biographies of the various artists. You can discuss techniques used but that is NOT the focus of this topic.