Pop. Culture Final Project

YOUR ASSIGNMENT:

DESIGN A PRESENTATION
➢ Choose a pop culture topic that we have NOT covered in class. ALL TOPICS MUST BE APPROVED.
➢ Research it.
➢ Prepare a presentation about your topic. Your presentation should be informative & fun and include multimedia (images, video, music, etc.)

This is your chance to dig into a pop culture topic that interests you – do your best to share your interest with the class too! Integrate audio/visuals, clips, artwork, etc. to enhance your presentation.

Grade breakdown:
1. Project proposal/outline (5 points)
2. Notes (10 points)
3. Final Project (30 points)

DUE DATES (to be determined as a class)

- Project proposal/outline due

- Notes due

- Final project due Mon., May 24th

Research questions to get you started with your topic (you will need to add more specific to your topic/area of focus - ask for help if you need it)

- What is the topic? Provide some background (where it came from, what it was about, what made/makes it entertaining at the time and beyond, connect it (if possible) to other things we've studied in the course.)
- Who is the audience? What type of people most identify with it? Why?
- How did/do people respond to it at the time when it was most current? Why?
- What are some examples of your topic that are worth digging into with more detail & learning more about?
- As with everything we study this year, it is critical that you make CONNECTIONS between the pop culture and the world we live in.
    - o Consider what was happening in the time it was created. How does that relate to or influence the topic in some way? (Consider how social, political or economic conditions are reflected in this topic.)
    - o What does this topic say about our society, values, etc.? How is it reflective of our attitudes, beliefs, norms and values?

Sources

For this project, **you MUST use at least 3 sources** in your research.
- You also must have at least 1 primary source that you somehow work into your presentation. This primary source could be episode(s) of a show, music, an interview, artwork, copies of comics, etc.. Remember, the pop culture object IS often your primary source.
- Remember what we've discussed about how to evaluate good web sources. You should NOT be using Wikipedia and instead want to make sure you're leaning on solid
    - o Remember the tool the librarians taught us for evaluating sources (the SCRAP test: solid, current, relevant, authoritative, purpose)
- Databases which may be useful include Pop Culture Universe, U.S. History in Context (GALE), Biography in Context (GALE.) If you have somehow gotten this far and don't remember how to access the databases, here's how:
    - o Go to www.lsrhs.net. Go to "Quick Links", click on "Library" and then look for the box on the left side of the page that says "Databases" and find the link for "History" - they're organized alphabetically. (There's a link there as well to the passwords which allow you to access the databases from home.)
- **As always, keep track of all of your sources - you do need a bibliography.**