

1950s to 1980s Overview Project Instructions and Topics

Instructions: You will work individually to create a mini-poster illustrating and explaining a topic from the overview period. 8 ½" x 11" paper will be provided.

Points possible: 30

Time frame: 2 days in class to work; 1 day for "museum walk"

Content of poster: These topics must be addressed on the poster:

A. **Who** were the people involved with the event or topic?

B. **What** is it all about? What happened?

C. **Where** did this take place?

D. **When** (what year or years) did this take place?

E. **Why** is it relevant (important) to us?

Appearance of poster:

F. Must be colorful and balanced (don't leave a lot of blank space or over-clutter the poster)

G. Images must be relevant to the content (see above).

H. Text must be clear and legible by all (no fancy script or calligraphy)

Detailed instructions:

1. Pick a topic that you would like to do. (Have a couple of choices in case yours is taken)
2. Sign up for the topic with the teacher.
3. Research your topic using one of the textbooks – use the index in the back of the book! Also, you may use Smart Phones for this – just be sure to stay on task! Take notes on the topic using the Content ABC's above.
4. Plan a drawing that will represent your topic.
5. Do a mock-up version of your poster on scratch paper.
6. **Get your mock-up checked by the teacher.**
7. Get white paper and markers.
8. Work on the actual poster. You have two class periods and one night of homework to make this nice!
9. Put your **NAME** and **PERIOD NUMBER** on the back of the poster in the lower right corner.

Topics are on the back →

Extra Credit Opportunity: When you finish your assigned poster, you may do a second one from the remaining topics as extra credit. You may do the extra credit over spring break if you don't have time before Friday.

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1. United Nations and International Declaration of Human Rights
2. International Monetary Fund and World Bank
3. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
4. The Cold War (causes; countries involved)
5. The Berlin Blockade (1948); Berlin Airlift
6. Truman Doctrine (Containment)
7. Domino Theory (Eisenhower)
8. NATO and SEATO
9. McCarthyism (Second Red Scare)
10. Korean War (1950-1953); causes, countries involved
11. Atomic testing; "Mutually Assured Destruction" doctrine
12. Berlin Crisis (1961); Berlin Wall
13. The Bay of Pigs Invasion (1961)
14. Cuban Missile Crisis (1962)
15. Vietnam War (1955-1975) (causes, countries involved)
16. 1964 Joint Resolution of Congress; "Gulf of Tonkin Resolution"
17. Social protest of the Vietnam War
18. End of the Cold War (fall of Berlin Wall)
19. *Brown v. Board of Education*
20. Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955-56)
21. Little Rock Crisis (Little Rock Nine)
22. Birmingham Campaign (1963); SCLC; sit-ins
23. Civil Rights Act of 1964
24. Voting Rights Act of 1965
25. 24th Amendment
26. Martin Luther King; Nonviolent Protests
27. Malcolm X, philosophy, militant protest
28. Martin Luther King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"
29. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech
30. United Farm Workers (Cesar Chavez; Dolores Huerta)
31. The Women's Movement (1960s); focus on job equality
32. American Indian Movement
33. California Master Plan
34. Relations Between US and Mexico
35. Immigration Act of 1965
36. Labor in California; immigration
37. Affirmative Action
38. *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* (1978); California Proposition 209
39. Population shifts (Rustbelt, Sunbelt, and Frostbelt)
40. Federal Highway Act
41. Television's impact on politics
42. The Great Society (Lyndon Johnson)
43. Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring*
44. Environmental Protection Agency; National Parks
45. Watergate Scandal
46. US Middle East Policy; OPEC; gasoline crisis
47. US-Israeli Affairs
48. Reaganomics
49. Poverty in America (welfare reform, health insurance reform, and other social policies)
50. Computer Revolution
51. Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm), 1991