

## History Through the Decades 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

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|              | (6)1940-1949  |
| (1)1890-1899 | (7)1950-1959  |
| (2)1900-1909 | (8)1960-1969  |
| (3)1910-1919 | (9)1970-1979  |
| (4)1920-1929 | (10)1980-1989 |
| (5)1930-1939 | (11)1990-1999 |

The purpose of this project is that you will become the 'expert' on your decade. For each of the following projects, be prepared to give a 3-5 minute classroom presentation.

### **PROJECT #1            Due: Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Write a one-page paper on a disaster, *natural or man-made*, that occurred in your decade in America or related to America. (Examples include floods, fire, war, assassinations.)

### **PROJECT #2 (Extra Credit)            Due: Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Briefly describe a popular song, play, movie, or entertainer and its significance in your decade. You should include the plot or a few lines from the song.

### **PROJECT #3            Due: March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Pick a 'minority' (any person in America that is not considered a 'white male') figure that was significant in your decade. Create a 'cube' using a small tissue dispenser.

Decorate the cube as follows:

Top: The decade years

Side 1- A brief description of why this person was important

Side 2- A drawing or picture of the person that you have done

Side 3- A biography of the person

Side 4- Answer this question: Should this person be included in history books and why?

Bottom: Your name and class hour

### **PROJECT #4            Due: March 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Find or draw a picture of an invention in your decade. In paragraph form, describe what the invention did, its inventor, and how it changed life in your decade. (How was it important?)

### **PROJECT#5            Due: April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

On poster-board, create a 15"x20" collage of the popular clothing styles for men, women, and children during your decade. Briefly explain whether or not you liked the fashions and why.

### **PROJECT #6 (Extra Credit)    Due: May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Write a one-page paper on the president(s) of your decade. Include at least one law, action, or event that he dealt with.