

## Topics for presentations

Topics should come from the time frame of the chapters that are being presented. Topics are extremely important, they should not be copied from the text or include information the same as the text. The best topics do not come from the text but come from the time frame of the chapters that you are presenting. There are many interesting things that have happened in history that are not included in texts; therefore, this is a research project not a copy the information from the book project. If you do choose topics from the book the information that you present should not be the same as the textbook. It should be interesting and informative.

The best topics are things that interest you; they can include music, sports, foods, and things that teenagers did during your group's time frame. These are just a few examples of topics, use your imagination and be innovative when picking topics. Picking good topics goes along with getting a good evaluation, so this should be stressed in your group. This process done correctly can not be completed in a few minutes. If a group member just jots down a few topics from the text this should be a warning sign to the rest of the group and should not be tolerated.

Be specific on your topics, for example, if your time frame includes the Great Depression, don't list that as a topic. It is much too general and shows that no thought has went into this assignment. Instead of listing the Great Depression as a topic you could include movies made during the Great Depression, and then list the movies that you are going to research. **Do not download movie reviews from the Internet!** If you are going to choose a topic similar to this then you should watch the movie and then report on what you saw. You can also include brief clips from the movie/movies in your presentation. Fashion is another topic that tends to be abused; if you are going to choose fashion you should demonstrate not just talk about. You can dress the part (be sure to stay within the dress code, when in doubt, ask) or do a short video clip with your group members demonstrating the fashion of the era.

How many topics should I have? It is difficult to give a definitive answer to that question. Each person in the group will normally end up using two or three topics for their presentation. Therefore, the more thought and time you put into picking your topics means you will need fewer topics. You must also consider that some topics you select will be difficult to find ample research, so don't spend hours looking for information, move on to the next topic. **The minimum topics required to turn into your group leader will be six**, even at this if proper thought and time is not used this will be an insufficient number. It is the responsibility of the group to help guide group members to pick their topics. This is a group project and will be evaluated in that manor.

**Topics are the foundation of your presentation; a strong foundation is easy to build upon!**