**Learner Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Period: Date:**

What is history anyway? What should be included in the definition of history? What is the relevance of

history today? How can history be interpreted? Who writes history? How did they chose what became

history?

This research project is meant to both help you both understand history better, and gain an in-depth

understanding of a current event. For this project, you will need to choose a current event that is

occurring in another nation. The current event must be substantial, and have major news coverage (you

must be able to find at least 5 different news articles over the span of two weeks). You will become

familiar with and use different news sources (magazines, international and national newspapers, radio

programs, or news clips) to do research on a current event.

Once you have chosen your topic, and completed your research, you will be responsible for completing

the following:

* 3 page (minimum) inquiry paper:
* Explain the background of the current event & relevant history behind this current event | NO
* more than ½ page
* Explain the current event | NO more than ½ - ¾ page
* Explain if you think this topic will be covered in future history textbooks OR left out entirely| BULK of paper

- YOU MUST PICK A SIDE - will be in future history books or NOT

- DO NOT argue that it will be MAYBE or MAYBE NOT

**Presentation:**

Present your current event & your position: will this event be covered in future textbooks - why or why not

-Presentation must be at least 2 minutes

-Presentation has to use an appropriate presentation tool (Power point, or Windows Movie

maker / iMovie)

**Important Dates:**

Topic Proposal: Feb 6 / 7 **(30 points)**

Outline & Bibliography: March 6 / 7 **( 50 points)**

Rough Draft: March 20 / 21 **(50 Points)**

Final draft of paper due: April 2 /3 **(75 points)**

Presentations: April 24 /25 **(75 Points)**

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent / Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Initial Proposal / Mrs. Boyd/ World History Learner:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

For your initial proposal, please suggest 3 topics that they are interested in. The topics for this project MUST be a current event that has occurred within the last 12 months, or is currently an ongoing event. The current event must be taking place in a nation OUTSIDE of the United States.

**Some examples or suggestions**:

New Delhi Rape Case (India)

Hugo Chavez's decline (Venezuela)

Russia and the Olympics

Brazil’s Youth Anti-Government Demonstrations

Beijing & air pollution

Political protests in Thailand

Syria’s use of chemical weapons

Waste and the Mafia

Below, is a space to begin thinking about / suggesting topics. You will be required to suggest 4 topics that you are

interested in pursuing for this project. Mrs. Boyd will review them, and rank them for you. You are then going to

pick from these topics which one you will pursue as your research project topic. Final project proposal forms will

be given out soon after these initial proposals are returned to you.

**First Suggestion**

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| --- | --- |
| Current Event |  |
| Country: |  |
| When it took place: |  |
| Who was involved: |  |
| 3 facts about what happened: |  |
| Why is this a good topic: |  |

**Second Option**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Current Event |  |
| Country: |  |
| When it took place: |  |
| Who was involved: |  |
| 3 facts about what happened: |  |
| Why is this a good topic: |  |

**Third Option**

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| --- | --- |
| Current Event |  |
| Country: |  |
| When it took place: |  |
| Who was involved: |  |
| 3 facts about what happened: |  |
| Why is this a good topic: |  |