



United States History and Geography: Growth and Conflict
Grade Eight
Mrs. Pulido

2011-2012 Major Projects and Extra Credit Choices

Each of you will be required to complete three long-range major projects this year, one in each season: fall, winter, and spring.

Extra credit can help boost your scores; however, it is *not* designed to replace the expected learning. There are often times in our lives where illness or other interruptions may detract from grades, and completing extra credit assignments can help balance out those mistakes. It is not always available in high school and college, but when it does exist, take advantage of it. You may choose from the “Memory List”, the Indie Mini-Projects that will be presented for each unit, or an “Anchor” activity. You will note that those activities require different

skills and talents. *Occasionally* special projects are offered as well. ***No more than two extra credit projects will be accepted per quarter.*** Most tests will also offer at least one bonus question for you to try at no risk to your score. *Keep this list in your notebook right behind your syllabus, and mark off the items you complete.*

Required Major Projects

- Fall: Veterans’ Oral History Project (individual)
- Winter: “Maker of American History” Research Project (individual)
- Spring: Heritage Fair (as part of a group)

Memorization Choices

- The first two sentences of *The Declaration of Independence* p. 184
- The preamble to the *U.S. Constitution* p. 266
- The Gettysburg Address* p. 563

Indie Mini-Projects (TBA)

- Unit 1: Three Worlds Meet
- Unit 2: The English Colonies
- Unit 3: Creating a New Nation
- Unit 4: The Early Republic
- Unit 5: A Changing Nation
- Unit 6: A Nation divided and Rebuilt
- Unit 7: America Transformed

“Anchor” Activities (Work on these when you finish something before others do.)

- Any unit: “Biography in a Box”
- Historical Fiction or Historical Non-fiction Book Report/Project