

Research Project Guidelines

Throughout this unit, we will be examining the history of the Cold War. But the Cold War is unlike any other traditional U.S. war in history; we never fully fought against our enemy. However, the political tensions of the Cold War could be felt throughout the world even though no blood was ever shed.

Your task throughout this unit is to research one of the following events, themes, or topic that occurred during the Cold War to determine how it contributed to the political tensions between the U.S and USSR as well as the long term effects that we can still feel today. The two learning goals your project will answer throughout the next several weeks are:

~Students will be able to trace the development of political tension between the U.S. and USSR during the Cold War through the specific topic they have been studying.

~Students will be able to evaluate the long-term social, political, and economic effects of a specific event/conflict/theme the U.S. was involved in as a direct result of the Cold War.

You may present your project in anyway you choose. You can simply answer the questions in an essay or in an informal interview with Ms. McLean, or you can be more creative. A few examples of presenting it creatively is to create an iMovie, a Powerpoint, a playlist, a role play story line, etc. If there is another way you would like to present your project please talk to Ms. McLean about what you would like to do.

Throughout the unit you will complete 6 Research Guides in class that will allow you to successfully reach the above learning goals. You are expected to use your time wisely and work hard in class so you never have to work on this outside of class.

Below are the potential research topics:

- The creation of Nuclear Weapons
- The Manhattan Project
- The Korean War
- The Vietnam War
- The Idea of Communism vs. Capitalism
- The Space Race
- Civil Rights
- The 50's
- The 60's
- The 70's

- The 80's
- The Berlin Conflict
- The Red Scare
- McCarthyism
- American Patriotism
- The Cuban Missile Crisis
- Eisenhower Presidency
- Kennedy Presidency
- Reagan Presidency
- The Baby Boom
- The American Dream
- Proxy Wars
- Media and Propaganda

If there is another Cold War topic that is not on this list that you would like to research, please fill out the Research Topic Proposal below with this topic.

Research Topic Proposal

The topic I chose is: _____

I am interested in this topic because: _____

I will be able to complete this research project because: _____

If I see that I am falling behind on this project I will: _____

Student Signature: _____

Teacher Signature: _____