

## Picturing History

**Introduction:** Great moments in history are often difficult to visualize. The writing of the Declaration of Independence, the invention of interchangeable parts, the election of Lincoln, for example, are events whose significance is not easily shown in a snapshot. Yet no one would deny their importance in history.

### The assignment:

I. Select a moment from our history book that has taken place in one of your states and imagine the moment visually. Then, using whatever costumes and props or persons your imagination provides, stage and photograph the event, AND photoshop. For example, a picture Henry David Thoreau, in his cabin, straw hat and overalls, writing "Civil Disobedience." Or Stonewall Jackson getting shot by his own troops at the battle of Chancellorsville. You may also recreate a moment from a trend or concept, such as a picture of dozens of activists from the Temperance movement at an Anti-Saloon League rally, or a solitary Irish immigrant disembarking from the steerage deck of a steamer ship.

II. Write a 100 word explanation of the picture, and attach to picture, then place on the map. Also estimate the event's MPU score(1).

III. A fourth quarter score, total between the PICTURE and HISTORY.

#### Picture:

60

Excellent

Creative

accurate/faithful

mise en scene

photoshop

50

Good

Creative

40

NOGL

#### History

40

Excellent

Clear

Concise

Thorough

30

Good

Clear

Concise

Thorough

20

NOGL

(1) **MPU** Score is the event's estimated effect of making our nation a MORE PERFECT UNION. The unfathomable tide of history is fraught with events positive and negative, so to speak, yet we forge ahead, always attempting to fulfill the duty of our Constitution to make "a more perfect union."

5G's Perfect!	4 G's Pretty Perfect	3G's Overall Perfect	2G's Kinda Perfect	1 G A Little Perfect	0 G neutral	-1G A little Not Perfect	-2G's Kinda Not Perfect	-3G's Overall Not Perfect	-4G's Pretty Not Perfect	-5 G's The Opposite of Perfect
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