History 112-Research Project/Presentation

Choose a current event/policy, etc. that is happening/in effect in the United States or involves the United States. Think about how your current event relates to what we've learned in this class. Your thesis will center on how and why the past event/policy/situation is connected to what is happening currently.

Among the broad topic areas that you can choose from are the following:

- Foreign policy
- Ethnic/gender/class, etc. issues
- Economics
- Cultural trends
- Political movements
- Law and public policy

As you are developing your project, consider the following (Some may be more applicable than others depending on your current event):

-How has the past affected what is happening today?

-What historical events led to your current event?

-Is this a new idea or one that people are rediscovering?

-Has this same event happened in the past?

-What was the outcome before?

-Could the same outcome happen today?

This paper must be at least six pages long, have at least four non-reference sources, and will have a properly formatted works cited page in your citation style of choice.

This paper will also include a "visual history component" which involves the following:

Using Adobe Spark https://spark.adobe.com, or similar platform you will create:

·   **A "meme" post that uses both text and image, that accurately summarizes your project.**

·   **A page that uses both text and image which will function as your visual aid for your presentation.**

Assignment Timeline:

250 word research proposal due: 9/28

Progress report due: 10/12

4 page rough draft due: 11/5

Graded draft due: 11/30

This assignment will be worth a total of 200 points, which is broken down in the following ways:

Graded Draft: 150 points

Proposal: 5 points (for timely completion)

Rough draft: 10 points (for timely completion)

Progress report: 5 points (for timely completion)

Visual History component: 30 points (15 points for each part)

This paper will also have a presentation which will be at least **10 minutes in length** and will be worth **150 points.** The presentation will focus on your thesis and the best examples that support that thesis. You will also include your meme and the visual that you created for the "visual history" portion of the research project.

The points breakdown will be as follows:

Organization and delivery: 75 points

Design (includes meme and visual): 40 points

Time: 35 points

The presentation will be given November 30th