

Newspaper project “the 1950’s”

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I. Lesson Plan Summary:

- A. This lesson is designed to give students a better understanding of the events in the USA and the world during the 1950s.
- B. **Objective:** Students will conduct research on events of the 1950s
- C. Grade:8
- D. Materials needed: computers with internet connection, and student hand out.
- E. Lesson time: Computer lab: 3-5 days

II. Lesson procedure

- 1. Explain to student that they will conduct internet research about events of the 1950s.
- 2. Brain storm as class some topics of the 1950s (see list of suggested topics)
- 3. Show students how to search topics using a search engine (ex. Google)
- 4. Instruct students they will create a newspaper
- 5. They must give it a title, it must have a front page with table of contents.
- 6. The news paper must include 2 world news event, 2 domestic news events, 2 sports events (domestic or world), 1 economic/ business event, and obituary(at least 3 people)
- 7. Tell the student arrangement of newspaper it completely up to them, but it must have all required news event. The student will be used as the rubric.

III. Activity: After you have finished discussing the project and possible topics. Allow the students to research their selected topics. Remind students their newspapers must have all required news articles to be eligible for a passing grade.

Newspaper project of the 1950s

Student hand out

Name: _____

Date: _____

Period: _____

Directions: You will conduct internet research on topics of the 1950s. You will construct a news paper with the following:

_____ A. Title

_____ B. Table of contents

_____ C. Price

_____ D. Volume number

_____ E. 2 world news article (A world news article is anything that happened outside the United States of America. It can involve the USA, but must take place outside the USA. All articles must be real events of the 1950s.) Each article must be at least 300 words.

_____ F. 2 Domestic news articles (A domestic news article is anything that happened within the 50 states or its territories. All articles must be real events of the 1950s.) Each article must be at least 300 words

_____ G. 1 Economic/ Business article (A economic/ business article can be anything about the economy or business events of the 1950s. It could take place within the uSA or overseas. All articles must be real events of the 1950s.) The article must be at least 250 words.

_____ H. 2 sports articles (A sports article can be about any sport or athletic event within the USA or overseas. All articles must be real events of the 1950s.) Each article must be at least 200 words.

_____ I. 3 obituaries (A obituary must have a short story about the person. The person can be famous or not, they can be from the USA or overseas. The people must be real people who died during the 1950s)

Possible topics of the 1950s

Technology Fifties

- The Soviet Union launches Sputnik I, the first artificial satellite to orbit the earth. and so starts the space race and man's exploration of our solar system

Inventions The Year Invented Inventors and Country (or attributed to First Use)

Atomic Clock ----- 1955 England

Breeder Reactor ----- 1951 USA Converted Uranium to Plutonium

Computer Modem ----- 1958 USA

Credit Card ----- 1950 USA by Ralph Schneider

Hovercraft ----- 1955 England by Christopher Cockerell

Hydrogen Bomb ----- 1952 USA by Edward Teller's team

Lunar Probe ----- 1959 Russia Lunik I passed the Moon;

Lunar Probe ----- 1959 Russia Lunik II crashed on the Moon;

Lunar Probe ----- 1959 Russia Lunik III photographed the far side of the Moon

Microchip ----- 1958 USA by Jack Kilby

Nuclear Power ----- 1956 England First power station at Calder Hall

Robot ----- 1954 USA by George C Devol Jr

Satellite ----- 1957 Russia Sputnik I

Solar Cell ----- 1954 USA Or Photovoltaic cells

Transistor Radio ----- 1953 USA Texas Instruments

Video Recorder ----- 1956 USA

Video Tape ----- 1956 USA

Popular Culture 1950s

The Cold War B

Baby Boomers

Korea

The Red Scare

Nixon

Some of the Most Well Known Movie Stars of the Fifties

Gary Cooper

Bing Crosby

Bob Hope

John Wayne

James Stewart

Frank Sinatra

Marilyn Monroe

William Holden

Events 1950's

- The 50's were the time when the shape of the political landscape in the world could be clearly defined between the Soviet dominated east and the capitalist West.
- The cold war became a grim reality because both sides had the power and technology for a Nuclear Holocaust, but equally both knew any war could not truly be won.
- Following the end of the second world war the economies of the western world boomed which led to the start of a consumer-led economy that seemed to have no bounds.
- Following on to the breakup of the British Empire which before had occupied 30% of the globe many fledgling democracies were starting to find their own identities including India Pakistan Rhodesia now (Zimbabwe), and having the growing pains that any new democracy would face .
- During the 50's and following decades more and more of the old colonial empires would be forced to allow countries their independence.
- Following the creation of the new State of Israel there were many conflicts in the Middle East which are still occurring to this day. The Suez Crisis in 1956 begins on July 26th as the supply of oil is blocked through the Suez Canal
- Japan saw massive economic growth by supplying the goods needed for the consumer-led society in both Europe and the United States.