**APUSH Final Project Information Sheet**

**Big Picture:** The final exam in APUSH will take on the form of a project in which students work in pairs researching and presenting on a 21st century topic relevant to American History and today’s world. The project will be worth 20% of your final grade and should be approached with strong academic commitment and earnestness. Choose your partner wisely – this should be someone with whom you can focus and work well. For the project, you and your partner will produce the following on a college-level:

**Due May 21nd for 50 Points in print form:**

* **Annotated Bibliography** analyzing 6 scholarly sources pertaining to the topic. The strengths, weaknesses, biases, and usefulness of the sources will be evaluated in paragraph form following the MLA citation.
* I**ntroductory paragraph** **with thesis** analyzing the topic and its impact on American history. Introductory paragraph must include context and a well-developed, specificthesis.

**Due Exam Day for 50 Points in slideshow form:**

* **Presentation** (7-10 minutes)
  + Thesis (to be proven through presentation)
  + Background Information / Causes / Essential Problem
  + U.S. Action / Solution
  + Political/Economic/Social Impacts
  + Controversies
  + Connection to specific event or movement earlier in history
  + Interview or Quotes
  + Questions remaining / Relevance today

**Topics (to be randomly assigned):**

1. September 11th Attacks

2. War in Afghanistan

3. War in Iraq

4. Great Recession

5. Opioid Crisis

6. School Shootings

7. Domestic Terrorism & Hate Crime

8. Climate Change

9. ISIS

10. Immigration Debate

11. 2016 Election and Russia Investigation

12. Movements Toward Equity (Black Lives Matter, Me Too Movement, LGBTQ Rights, etc.)

13. North Korea

14. Election of 2020

With the sharing of knowledge of these topics, the class will explore the 21st Century with depth and meaning in order to close out the study of American History and exit the course as well-informed citizens.

Detailed rubrics for all aspects of the final project will be made available next class.