# **MODERN UNITED STATES HISTORY – Grade 11 / 12 CP**

# **Thornton Academy History Department**

#### MY AMERICAN LIFE: FINAL EXAM

Over the course of study in American History this year, we have focused on the topic of how America has changed. Americans have responded and grown as a result of historical events, noteworthy people, and social changes. Some of these changes have been in the area of culture, politics, economics, demographics, etc. In each case, what took place in the past set the stage for the present and will influence the future.

#### **ASSIGNMENT:**

Keeping this in mind, please examine the events, people, and themes that have taken place during YOUR lifetime and HOW have they transformed America. (2000-ish to the present).

#### **YOUR TASK:**

Create a slide show / movie / electronic presentation covering 10 topics that have taken place during your lifetime

These events should come from some of the following categories:

- Political / International Relations / Military Events
- Economic / Scientific / Technological Developments
- Social / Cultural Developments

You should devote a minimum of 1 slide for each event (though you may have to use more to thoroughly explain the event). Each event entry must include **some type of visual** (photo, original art, etc). For each event include AT LEAST the following information. Ideally, you would be looking to include **7-10 facts for each event.** 

- Name of event, moment, person
- An approximate date for the event
- Location with an explanation of how this impacted the event (include in summary)
- Any other information related to the event, moment, individual
- A brief summary / overview of the event, moment, person

### **REFLECTION:**

For each event topic, you must include a statement reflection (4 - 5 sentences) on how this event has transformed America today.

## **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

In addition to the above, you must also be sure your project includes:

- A title page (include a catchy title)
- A title page visual
- Your name & block
- A works cited page (list of sources used in your research MLA formatted)

## **DUE DATE: Monday, June 10th**

You will have some class time Please submit work electronically

## **RUBRIC / FOCUS CORRECTION AREAS**

Minimum 10 Slides with visuals
Historical events within time period
Explanation and Reflection for each event
Students must have a peer edit their projects
\*The Final Project counts as 10% of your overall course grade