

Final Project

- Counts as Exam grade—20%
- We will do a gallery crawl on your final exam day—you must be present
- There will be checkpoints over the next few weeks that will go into this quarter's grade

What?

Your final project will be a study of American History through music. You will pick the time period that you want to study and analyze the music of the period to see how American society (political, economic, social) was reflected in the music.

Timeline

Day 1—what time period/music are you interested in? Write a half page that explains why you want to cover that period. **Submit to your google folder.**

Day 2-3—What are the important people, places, events, themes of that time period—again you are looking for political, economic, social things. **Create a list with a short explanation and put in your folder.**

Day 4-7—Find at least 6 songs from the period that connect to the political, economic, social themes. Begin your analysis of the lyrics:

- When was the song written?
- What event, person, or theme is the song referencing?
- What are the specific lyrics in the song that you want to use? (So get a copy of the lyrics and annotate them—highlight, make notes in the margins)

Put this analysis in your folder.

Day 8-11—Find the MAGI in your music. Must find at least 3 of the 4

This requires research and may not be referenced in the lyrics. How does the music or musician exemplify:

Movement—are they immigrants, does their style of music represent a foreign influence, does the music reference movement

American Identity—what does the music say about the American people, does it inspire a change (fashion, political movements)

Geography—does the music come from and/or deal with a particular part of the United States (like the Beach Boys sing about surfing in California)

Innovation—what innovations in music are made, how did we get access to the music (technology)

Create a list and put in your folder

Day 12-17—Create an original product that incorporates all of your findings. This can be anything you can think of, but creativity will be a part of the final rubric, so if its simply a slideshow, you may have trouble getting to an “A”. The product must be stand-alone (so people must be able to access your project and your thoughts without you standing there).