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- RESEARCH & INVESTIGATE MINI-PROJECT -
A Look at Modern US History

Objective: Students will gain an understanding on various historical events that occurred in the U.S.A. from 1980-2016.

Options for Research:

1. Describe the increasing role of Women & Minorities in American society, politics and economics.
2. Summarize the significant events and achievements of the Clinton administration.
3. Analyze the significant events, achievements, & controversial policies of the Reagan administration, including revitalization of national pride, Reaganomics, or the War on Drugs.
4. Analyze the significant achievements and the overall impact of Barack Obama's presidency.
5. Investigate the life and works of Alex Haley and his influence on American culture, including *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* and *Roots: The Saga of An American Family*.
6. Research and investigate Jihadist Terrorism / ISIS / Al-Qaeda / etc.
7. Research and investigate the impact of Social Media on modern day society.
8. Research and investigate the goal, influence, background, and value of the Black Lives Matter movement.
9. Research and investigate the Gay Rights Movement.
10. CHOOSE YOUR TOPIC: Is there something that interest you in modern US History during the 80s, 90s, etc.? Let's learn about it.

Directions:

1. Students will work in groups of 2-3.
2. Students will choose a topic from the options listed above.
3. After researching the topic, students will need to determine the format the project will take.
4. Different formats that may be used (but are not limited to): Video, display boards, actual artifacts, scrapbook, PowerPoint presentations, slide show, games, demonstrations, skits, handouts, or a combination of these formats.
5. Research and data: You must use 2-3 different sources.
6. Include **at least** 2 visual aids.
7. Be sure to include maps, graphs, photographs, or other visuals to illustrate information about the event.
8. The mini-presentations should take the about 5 minutes. Students will share their findings during class. It should be well-rehearsed, interactive, informative, and exciting.