

Decades Project Topics Breakdown

1960s

- Must haves...
 - John F. Kennedy
 - 1960 election (debates, etc.)
 - JFK's inauguration (key speech moments and presidential firsts)
 - Assassination
 - Lyndon B. Johnson
 - Great Society/War on Poverty
 - Medicare/Medicaid
 - Space program and moon landing
 - Counterculture/hippies
 - *Miranda v. Arizona*
 - Get the scoop on the pop culture (music, dance, fashion, fads, TV, movies, technology, etc.)
- Encouraged...
 - Peace Corps
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination
 - Robert F. Kennedy assassination
 - *Gideon v. Wainwright*

1970s

- Must haves...
 - Richard Nixon
 - Election
 - Watergate
 - Resignation
 - Gerald Ford
 - Pardoning Nixon
 - Jimmy Carter
 - Iran Hostage Crisis
 - Camp David Accords
 - 26th Amendment
 - Middle East-related situations
 - OPEC
 - Energy Crisis 1 – Oil Embargo 1973
 - Energy Crisis 2 – Oil Embargo 1979
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- Encouraged...
 - Movements
 - Chicano Movement
 - Women's Movement/NOW/Betty Friedan/Gloria Steinem/Equal Rights Amendment
 - Environment Movement (Environmental Protection Agency, etc.)
 - Disabled Rights
 - Native Americans (Occupation of Alcatraz & Occupation of Wounded Knee)
 - Three Mile Island
 - Start of Starbucks

1980s

- Must haves...
 - Ronald Reagan
 - Reaganomics
 - Iran-Contra
 - Economic policies/deregulation
 - Sandra Day O'Connor to Supreme Court
 - Cold War
 - Berlin Wall falls
 - Soviet Union and US relations
 - Tiananmen Square
 - Get the scoop on the pop culture (music, dance, fashion, fads, TV, movies, technology, etc.)
 - Apple & Microsoft (for example)
- Encouraged...
 - Bork Supreme Court nomination
 - *Texas v. Johnson*
 - Increasing college costs
 - Miracle on Ice
 - Chernobyl
 - Challenger Disaster
 - AIDS crisis
 - War on Drugs

1990s

- Must Haves...
 - George H. W. Bush
 - Persian Gulf War
 - Economic policies (deregulation and S&Ls)
 - Clarence Thomas to Supreme Court
 - Bill Clinton
 - Economic policies
 - Impeachment
 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg to Supreme Court
 - Columbine
 - Matthew Shepard
 - 1993 World Trade Center bombing
 - Get the scoop on the pop culture (music, dance, fashion, fads, TV, movies, technology, etc.)
 - Development of the Internet & founding of Google (for example)
- Encouraged...
 - Rodney King
 - OJ Simpson trial
 - Oklahoma City bombing
 - European Union founding

2000s

- Must Haves...
 - George W. Bush
 - *Bush v. Gore* election case
 - September 11th
 - War on Terror (Afghanistan and Iraq)
 - Hurricane Katrina
 - 2008 financial crisis/Great Recession
 - 2008 election
 - Get the scoop on the pop culture (music, dance, fashion, fads, TV, movies, technology, etc.)
 - Technology especially important for this decade (Facebook, iPhone, YouTube, Amazon, etc.)
- Encouraged...
 - Patriot Act
 - Columbia explosion

2010s

- Must haves...
 - Barack Obama
 - Bank/auto bailout during Great Recession
 - Affordable Care Act
 - *Obergefell vs. Hodges*
 - War on Terror
 - Donald Trump
 - 2016 election
 - Border wall
 - Government shutdown
 - Black Lives Matter
 - Gun control issues/mass shootings (Aurora, Sandy Hook, Las Vegas, Parkland)
 - Get the scoop on the pop culture (music, dance, fashion, fads, TV, movies, technology, etc.)
- Encouraged...
 - Occupy Wall Street
 - Hurricane Sandy
 - Hurricane Maria
 - Cubs win the World Series