Gatsby and the Roaring Twenties Presentation

The 1920s was a pivotal time period for our country. Corruption coincided with growth and prosperity; individuality emerged from a conservative past. These ideals were expertly detailed in F. Scott Fitzgerald’s famous novel, *The Great Gatsby*. For our first presentation of the year, we will focus on how this novel highlights the different aspects of the period in which it was written.

We will “straddle” the study of this novel with our presentation. This week we will choose topics and do some preliminary research so you can gather information. As we read the novel, you will look for text evidence to include in your presentation. Connecting the text, characters, setting, and themes of the novel with the realities of the decade in which it was written will hopefully enhance our study of the work. You will be given time during AND after the study of the novel as well to work on the presentation.

Requirements:

-Time Limit of Presentation: 10-15 minutes

-Visual Aide- Microsoft Powerpoint, Prezi, or Google Slides

-Pictures/Graphics of your topic/ **Can also be film clips**

-Text Evidence- Passages/Quotes from the novel that specifically connect your topic to the novel (three minimum used throughout the presentation). Be sure to clearly explain the connection to the audience.

-Formal Dress

- Creativity- These are meant to be entertaining and meaningful. However you can grab your audience to make the message memorable, do it.

Presentation Mechanics

-Clarity of Voice Make sure the audience can clearly hear you….no “like,” “uh,” ‘um,’ etc.

-Eye Contact – You want to develop a report with the audience….DO NOT READ STRAIGHT FROM NOTES OR SLIDES

-Tempo- Avoid speeding through your information; take time to EXPLAIN your information

- Technology- Make sure your files and all other technological information is ready to go when you present. If your presentation does not start, there is nothing I can do to help at that point. BE PREPARED!

Time Line:

September 6- Choose topics and begin research

September 7 and 8- Research in groups

September 11-21 Read the novel

September 22- Timed Writing over Gatsby

September 25- Gatsby MC test

September 26-28- Finalize research and presentation

September 29-October 4- Presentations