

# The Decades Project

**Due Date: 08/11/2011**

**Decade & Group Selection: 07/29/2011**

**Library Time: 07/29/2011 and 08/05/2011**

**Point Value: 100 pts.**

Have you ever heard an older person comment how different things are now from when they were your age? What is it that defines our times? If you were to meet someone from the distant future, what would you share to help that person understand who we are, how we live, what makes us what we are? If you had the chance to go back in time, what clues or evidence would you look for to discover what it was like to live at that time?

In groups of 4 people (or individually, in which case you have to do everything) you will research the ins and outs of a particular decade. The decades that you will be asked to research are the 1960's, 1970's, 1980's and the 1990's. (*No more than 2 groups per decade*). You and your group members will have the next week and a half to research the decade that you have chosen. After that time, you and your group will have an entire class period to teach the class about your decade. The group project must include the following:

Task:

- Teach the class about your group's decade. (@45 minutes)
- Decorate Mr. Alvarado's whiteboard in your decade (pictures of people & events from that decade)
- Play some music of the decade.
- Bring in an artifact from the decade.

Your presentations must cover the following topics:

## *1. General Facts*

- Population of the U.S., Life Expectancy, Average Annual Earnings, other demographic information

## *2. Art & Architecture*

- Popular Artists of the time, Types of Art & Architecture, Famous Buildings constructed, styles of homes, etc.

## *3. Books & Literature*

- Books that defined the times, Influential Authors, Magazines, etc.

## *4. Fads, Fashion, & Sports*

- Slang terms, Styles of clothing worn, sports figures & teams, etc.

5. *Historic Events & People*

- The Presidents, Landmark Court Cases, Wars, Treaties, etc.

6. *Music*

- Popular artists and music of the time period

7. *Theatre, Film, Television, & Radio*

- Popular movies, actors, radio & television programs

8. *Inventions & Medical Discoveries*

- Inventions and discoveries that changes our world!

**\*Your group must decide what the most important aspects of each topic are**

**\*\*Be sure that you can fit in all the topics in the time allotted.**

## The 1960's

The following items are just to get you started. You probably want to take a look at them and others. You want to dig deeper than these. There are tons more!!!!!!

Art & Architecture:

- \* Johnson & Burgee \* Met Life Building \* Memorial Arch
- \* Andy Warhol \* Assemblage Art \* Optical Art
- \* Pop Art \* Kinetic Abstract \* I.M. Pei
- \* Peter Eisenman \* Frank O. Gehry

Books & Literature:

- \* To Kill A Mockingbird \* Maya Angelou \* Sylvia Plath
- \* The Feminine Mystique \* In Cold Blood \* Catch 22
- \* Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test \* One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Fads, Fashion, & Sports:

- \* Barbie Dolls \* G.I. Joe's \* Skateboards \* Go-Go Boots
- \* Bouffant Hairstyles \* Peasant Skirts \* Nehru Jackets \* Afros
- \* Men's Fashion \* Women's Fashion \* Crew Cuts \* Bob Hayes
- \* Muhammad Ali \* Al Oerter \* Wilma Rudolph \* Billy Mills
- \* Peggy Fleming \* Sandy Koufax \* Willie Mays \* Bob Gibson
- \* Roberto Clemente \* Joe Namath \* Arthur Ashe \* Bill Russell
- \* Arnold Palmer \* Wilt Chamberlain \* Elgin Baylor \* Tommie Smith
- \* Bob Beamon

Historic Events & People:

- \* Civil Right Movement \* Martin Luther King \* Malcom X
- \* Black Panthers \* Watts Riots \* Cesar Chavez
- \* Civil Rights Act of 1964 \* Women's Lib. Movement \* Abortion
- \* Birth Control \* Engel v Vital \* Woodstock Festival

- \* Fidel Castro \* Bay of Pigs \* John F. Kennedy
- \* Cuban Missile Crisis \* Lee Harvey Oswald \* Lyndon Johnson
- \* Vietnam War \* Space Race \* John Glenn
- \* Alan Shepard \* Neil Armstrong \* Buzz Aldrin
- \* Sierra Club \* Drug Use

Music:

- \* Elvis Presley \* Bobby Darin \* Frankie Avalon \* James Brown
- \* Jimmie Hendrix \* The Temptations \* Gladys Knight/Pips \* The Supremes
- \* Joan Baez \* The Beatles \* Peter, Paul, & Mary \* Beach Boys
- \* Acid Rock \* Psychedelic Rock \* Grateful Dead \* Woodstock
- \* Haight Ashbury \* Hippies

Theatre, Film, Television, & Radio:

- \* Musicals \* Sound of Music \* Marilyn Monroe \* Dr. Stangelove
- \* The Graduate \* James Bond Movies \* AM to FM Radio \* Flintstones
- \* Star Trek \* I Dream of Jeanie \* Beverly Hillbillies \* Bewitched
- \* The Addams Family \* Andy Griffith Show \* The Jetsons \* Mr. Magoo
- \* Dances (The Twist, Mashed Potato, The Swim, The Watusi, The Monkey, & The Jerk)

Inventions & Medical Discoveries:

- \* Laser \* Cochlear Implant \* Space Flight \* Light Emitting Diode
- \* Video Games \* Computer Mouse \* Auto Teller Machine \* Birth Control Pill
- \* Heart Transplant \* Artificial Heart \* Liquid-Crystal Display

## **The 1970's**

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Art & Architecture:

- \* Land Art \* Earth Art \* Environmental Art
- \* Photo Realism \* Illusionism \* Sears Tower
- \* Arcology \* Penzoil Place \* Transamerica Building
- \* Andy Warhol \* George Segal \* David Hockney
- \* World Trade Center Towers

Books & Literature:

- \* John Updike \* Kurt Vonnegut \* All the Presidents Men
- \* I'm OK, Your OK \* Rich Man, Poor Man \* Jonathan Livingston Seagull

Fads, Fashion, & Sports:

- \* Mood Rings \* Lava Lamps \* Rubik's Cube \* Pet Rocks
- \* Smiley Face Stickers \* Streaking \* Bellbottoms \* Hip Huggers
- \* Colorful Patches \* Platform Shoes \* Hot Pants \* Earth Shoes
- \* Clogs \* Leisure Suits \* Mini-Skirts \* Disco
- \* Pete Rose \* Joe Namath \* Mario Andretti \* AJ Foyt
- \* Mark Spitz \* Secretariat \* Billie Jean King \* Hank Aaron
- \* Evel Knievel \* Chris Everett \* Martina Navratilova

Historic Events & People:

- \* Vietnam War \* Roe v Wade \* Paris Peace Accords \* Earth Day
- \* Affirmative Action \* Watergate \* Nixon, Ford, Carter \* Kent State

- \* Pentagon Papers \* Munich Olympics \* The Recession \* Spiro Agnew
- \* Three Mile Island \* Jim Jones cult killings \* U.S. Bicentennial \* Parry Hearst
- \* Shirley Chisholm \* Jesse Jackson \* George McGovern \* G. Wallace
- \* Iran hostage situation

#### Music:

- \* Beatles \* Elvis Presley \* Disco Music \* Aerosmith
- \* The Bee Gees \* David Bowie \* Billy Joel \* Elton John
- \* Led Zeppelin \* John Lennon \* Pink Floyd \* Bob Seger
- \* Rod Stewart \* The Who \* Bob Marley \* Reggae Music
- \* Bruce Springsteen \* 3 Dog Night \* Folk, Punk, Shock & Rock

#### Theatre, Film, Television, & Radio:

- \* Star Wars \* Rocky \* Towering Inferno \* Jaws
- \* Poseidon Adventure \* The Godfather \* Exorcist \* Grease
- \* Saturday Night Fever \* American Graffiti \* Apocalypse Now \* Roots
- \* Happy Days \* The Brady Bunch \* Saturday Night Live \* Sesame Street
- \* All In The Family \* Sylvester Stallone \* Robert De Niro \* M. Brando

#### Inventions & Medical Discoveries:

- \* Electronic Pocket Calculator \* 1st Complete Synthesis of a Gene
- \* Microprocessor \* Genetic Engineering
- \* CAT Scanner \* Recombinant DNA
- \* Compact Disc \* Mammal to Mammal Gene Transplant
- \* Personal Computer

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#### Art & Architecture:

- \* Menil Collection \* Trump Tower \* High Museum
- \* D.C. Union Station \* Sunshine Skyway Bridge \* Lichtenstein
- \* Museum of Modern Art \* Jasper Johns \* Frank Stella
- \* Keith Haring \* Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum Robbery

#### Books & Literature:

- \* Stephen King \* Tom Clancy \* Danielle Steele \* Tom Wolfe
- \* The Beverly Hills Diet \* 1984 \* Fatherhood \* Cosmos
- \* Presumed Innocent \* Trump: Surviving the Top
- \* Richard Simmons' Never Say Diet Book
- \* All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

#### Fads, Fashion, & Sports:

- \* Carpools \* Fast Food \* Candy \* Smurfs
- \* Cabbage Patches \* Nintendo \* Game Boys \* Aerobics
- \* Mini Vans \* TMNT \* Power Dressing \* Calvin Klein
- \* Perry Ellis \* Donna Karan \* Anne Klein \* Tanning
- \* Nike \* RV's \* Slang Terms \* Mulletts

- \* 1980 Summer Games \* Larry Bird \* Magic Johnson \* Jerry Rice
- \* Michael Jordan \* Carl Lewis \* “Moonwalking” \* Flo Jo
- \* 1980 US Hockey \* 1984 Summer Games \* He-Man \* Thunder Cats

#### Historic Events & People:

- \* Challenger Explosion \* Sandra Day O’Connor \* Vietnam Memorial
- \* Geraldine Ferraro \* Jesse Jackson \* Jim Bakker
- \* AIDS \* Just Say No Campaign \* Medicare
- \* Toxic Shock Syndrome \* Drugs \* Exxon Valdez Oil Spill

#### Music:

- \* Compact Discs (CD’s) \* Slam Dancing \* Break Dancing
- \* Lambada \* New Wave \* Punk
- \* Rap Music \* Milli Vanilli \* LL Cool J
- \* Run DMC \* David Bowie \* Madonna
- \* Michael Jackson \* Thriller \* Whitney Houston
- \* Bruce Springsteen \* Pat Benatar \* Billy Idol
- \* John Mellencamp \* Prince \* Styx
- \* Bob Seger \* U2 \* Van Halen
- \* Wham! \* ZZ Top \* “Weird” Al Yankovic
- \* Hair Bands \* Motley Crue \* Poison

#### Theatre, Film, Television, & Radio:

- \* Cable TV \* MTV \* Tootsie \* Author
- \* E.T. \* Flashdance \* Beverley Hills Cop \* Rain Man
- \* Back to the Future \* Platoon \* The Breakfast Club \* Roseanne
- \* Married w/ Children \* Tabloid TV \* Bill Cosby \* Cheers
- \* Golden Girls \* The Wonder Years \* Unsolved Mysteries \* Cosby Show

#### Inventions & Medical Discoveries:

- \* Human Genome Project \* Columbia Spacecraft \* Abortion Pill
- \* Hepatitis B Vaccine \* Disposable Contacts \* Internet
- \* Personal Computer \* Windows Operating System \* CD ROM

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#### Art & Architecture:

- \* Robert Venturi \* Richard Meyer \* Theme Restaurants
- \* Green Design \* Bamboo Floors \* Mid-Century Modern
- \* Feng Shui \* Martha Stewart \* Yard Dog Art
- \* Annie Liebowitz \* Casino Construction

#### Books & Literature:

- \* Books online \* Audio Books \* Amazon.com \* Borders
- \* Barnes & Noble \* John Grisham \* Michael Crichton \* Tom Clancy
- \* Memoirs of a Gheisa \* Cold Mountain \* The Zone Diet Book
- \* Chicken Soup for the Soul Books \* Divine Secretes of the Ya Ya Sisterhood

### Fads, Fashion, & Sports:

- \* Grunge \* Preppie \* Hip Hop Style \* 1970's Culture
- \* Liz Claiborne \* Tommy Hilfinger \* DKNY \* Kaki Pants
- \* Microfiber \* Hyper Color \* Baggy Clothing \* Sleeveless
- \* Tae-Bo \* In-Line Skates \* Beanie Babies \* Furby
- \* Tickle Me Elmo \* WWJD Items \* Body Piercings \* Tattoos
- \* Video Games \* Bowl Cuts \* The "Caesar" \* Air Jordan's
- \* Mark McGuire \* Sammy Sosa \* Michael Jordan \* Gretsky
- \* Tiger Woods \* Chicago Bulls \* Tanya Harding \* Mike Tyson
- \* Nancy Kerrigan \* New York Rangers \* The Fab Five \* OJ
- \* Evander Holyfield \* The Yankees \* Dallas Cowboys

### Historic Events & People:

- \* Gulf War \* Samalia \* Bosnia \* Gun Control
- \* Rodney King \* LA Riots \* Bill Clinton \* Tim McVeigh
- \* Monica Lewinsky \* OK City bombing \* Columbine Shooting \* David Koresh
- \* Booming Economy \* Atlanta Olympics \* OJ Trial \* Al Gore
- \* WTC Bombing \* Brady Bill \* NAFTA \* Panama Canal
- \* "don't ask, don't tell" \* Jesse Ventura \* Bill Gates \* Ross Perot
- \* Clarence Thomas \* Janet Reno \* Colin Powel \* Oprah
- \* Bobbi McCaughy \* JFK, Jr. \* Steve Jobs \* Gingrich

### Music:

- \* Grunge \* Gangster Rap \* Movie Soundtracks \* Boyz II Men
- \* Mariah Carey \* Nirvana \* Pearl Jam \* Madona
- \* Spice Girls \* Janet Jackson \* Garth Brooks \* Celine Dion
- \* NKOTB \* NSync \* Backstreet Boys \* Online Music
- \* Hootie & the Blowfish \* Selena \* George Strait \* Oasis
- \* Hanson \* Metallica \* Guns n' Roses \* Will Smith
- \* NWA \* Dr. Dre \* Snoop Dog \* Soundgarden

### Theatre, Film, Television, & Radio:

- \* Cheers \* Home Improvement \* Seinfeld \* E.R.
- \* Friends \* Touched by an Angel \* Frazier \* Cats
- \* Evita \* Silence of the Lambs \* Braveheart \* Titanic
- \* Southpark \* Leonardo DiCaprio \* Kate Winslet \* Pulp Fiction
- \* Sam Jackson \* John Travolta \* Steven Spielberg \* Tom Hanks
- \* Fight Club \* Julia Roberts \* Gwyneth Paltrow \* Brad Pitt
- \* Jim Carrey \* Denzel Washington \* Adam Sandler \* Demi Moore
- \* Bruce Willis \* Mel Gibson \* Keanu Reeves \* Jackie Chan

### Inventions & Medical Discoveries:

- \* Global Positioning Systems \* Viagra \* Cloning \* Wiki