

Turning Points in U.S. History

Points: Paper 50, Poster 50, Presentation 25

Due Dates:

Rough Draft due 07/15 (uploaded to turnitin.com 07/14)

Final Draft Due 07/17 (uploaded to turnitin.com 07/16)

Poster Due 07/17

Objective: Students will analyze and explain a major turning point in the U.S. since 1945, describing its impact on the society of the United States and its lasting legacy.

Task: Students will create a 3 page paper explaining the turning point (see attached handout for guiding questions) and a poster to present to the class.

Paper Guidelines:

1. Times New Roman, 12 pt font., double spaced
2. Name in top right hand corner. (You only need your name)
3. After your name, push enter once, and begin writing. You do not need a title.

Poster Guidelines

1. No smaller than 22 x 28 inches
2. Must include images and captions.
3. The poster must briefly describe the basics of your turning point, bullet points are fine.

Presentation Guidelines

1. 10-15 minute presentation
2. Your poster will serve as your cue card, no notes or other aides.

**Rubrics to follow

Topics: Only one person per topic. Listed below are possible topics. Feel free to research your own, whatever interests you, but be sure to get it approved before you begin work.

Sample Topics:

- Watergate Scandal
- Marshall Plan and its Restructuring of Europe
- Tet Offensive and Public Opinion
- Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse: A Cultural Transformation
- Television in the 1950s and the Transformation of American Entertainment
- *Brown vs Board of Education* and the integration of American schools