HISTORICAL FICTION PROJECT

Due: _____

Part 1: Photograph

Find a photograph of a contemporary event from the past ten years (Examples: Hurricane Katrina, War in Iraq, Sochi Olympics). Choose your photograph wisely, it will serve as inspiration for a creative writing.

Part 2: Article

Once a photograph has been chosen, you will need to find a text that can give background information and details to the event. You may choose newspaper article or encyclopedia entry giving a brief non-fiction description.

Part 3: Creative Writing

You may choose to do one of the following for your creative writing. Remember to bring your event to life with fictional elements. Show us the human side of the event and paint us a picture with your words.

Choice A

Write a brief narrative short story using the photograph as inspiration. Use details from the non-fiction to enhance your narrative. You can use real-life people mentioned or shown to create your characters. Focus on developing the setting with sensory details. Dialogue must only be used to move the action along or develop characterization. Use your narrative to give meaning and purpose to your event.

Choice B

Write a poem using the photograph as inspiration. Choose a person in the article or photograph as your speaker. The speaker can also be an inanimate object. The poem must have symbolism and figurative language. These things must be developed from the non-fiction details found in the photograph and article.

Turn in your project with all of the following:

- 1. copy of the photograph
- 2. copy of the article
- 3. copy of your creative writing

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