**Popular Music by the Decades**

Choose a decade (1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s) and research the prominent historical events and popular music from that decade. Gather your information and present it in one of the following formats:  
  
Poster (submit a photo of a physical poster, or a digital poster)  
Power Point  
Google Slides  
Prezi

**Research Questions**

The first two questions deal with the historical events of your decade.

1. What are some of the major historical events that happened in the USA? Make a list of 4-5 events that happened throughout the decade and general details (who was involved in the event, where and when did it happen, etc.)

2. What are some of the major events that happened around the world? Make a list of 4-5 events that happened throughout the decade and general details (who was involved in the event, where and when did it happen, etc.)

The next two questions deal with the music history of your decade. Research popular music of your decade.

3. Who are the popular singers or groups of your decade? (list 5-10 artists)

4. What are some of the most popular songs of your decade? (Use Billboard charts to list 10-20 songs. Some of these songs may be one-hit-wonders, but most of them are likely by the artists you listed above.)

**Project Requirements**

Decide which format you will use for your project. Include the following content in your final project:

1. Put the most important events into a timeline that spans from the beginning of your decade to the end. You don’t have to have an event for every year, but include at least 5 events from the decade. Include a short description of each event and how it impacted history.

2. Choose one singer or group from your decade that you wish to research. Include information about the following:  
 Childhood and Family  
 Education  
 What age did they become famous  
 What style of music did they perform  
 What problems/conflicts did they face  
 What awards did they earn  
 What were their most popular songs

3. Of that singer/group’s most popular songs, choose one song that you wish to analyze. Listen to the song and read the lyrics. Include information about the following:  
 Style of the song  
 Instruments used in the song  
 Voice range the singer used in the song  
 What is the song about?   
 Was it inspired by an event of your decade? If so, which one?  
 How does the music illustrate the meaning of the song?