Humanities 7 ~ Summer Assignment

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Preparation for the 7th Grade Research Paper and NHD (National History Day): The 2019-2020 National History Day (NHD) theme is *Breaking Barriers in History*.

Assignment requirements:

- Your topics/events must have occurred prior to 2005
- Your topic must fit with the theme of *Breaking Barriers in History*.
- Create 5 thesis statements for 5 possible *different topics*
    - **Example**~ The technology developed by NASA for the Apollo missions resulted in economic gains for the country that justified the enormous initial expense.

Each possible topic should be one complete, grammatically correct thesis sentence.

- **The CRAAP Test**
    - Review the video and documents about the CRAAP test posted to the NHD/Research Paper Google Classroom
    - For each completed thesis statement, apply the CRAAP test to 2 ***possible*** sources
        - The 2 ***possible*** sources should include *at least 1 primary source*
        - ***Note: Remember, these are just ***possible*** sources

*****The assignments are due in the 7th grade Research paper/NHD Google Classroom on the 1st day of school (September 3rd); the deadline is Friday the 6th.**

Rubrics/Criteria for Success

5 Thesis Statements (on Different Topics) - 25 pts

Thesis Statements	Points
Takes a stand	1
Can be reasonably debated or opposed	1
Shows impact (change - the *so what?)*	1
Direct and strong connection to theme	1
Is measurable	1

Evaluating Sources Practice (CRAAP Test) - 9 points

Criteria	Points
Each box has a reasonable and connected value (9 boxes)	1 point each

Source Evaluation (On Your Topics) - 10 points

Criteria	Points
2 sources and 5 scores (total from 5 evaluation criteria) for each thesis statement	1 point for each source x 10 sources

- **All work should be completed in the document below and submitted to the 7th Grade Research Paper/NHD Google Classroom**

Evaluating Sources~Practice (9 Points)

Directions: After reviewing the video and documents on Google Classroom about the CRAAP test, evaluate the 3 websites made available below. Put them in order from Strongest (#1) to Weakest (#3) using the criteria we've discussed. Mark each source as either usable (!) or unusable (X). List the 2 main criteria that we've discussed that led you to your decision. **Turn in to the 7th Grade Research Paper/NHD Google Classroom when you complete it.**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Negotiations_to_end_apartheid_in_South_Africa

https://2001-2009.state.gov/r/pa/ho/time/pcw/98678.htm

http://www.historywiz.com/end.htm

Evaluation Practice

Usable (!) or Unusable (X)	Order of Strength (List the Website)	2 reasons it was credible or not credible
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

Source Evaluation (On Your Topics) - 10 points

Directions: In the boxes below, record each of your 5 possible thesis statements along with their counterclaims. Then, based on the CRAAP test, rate 2 possible sources for each of you 5 theses. Copy and paste the URL for each source in the appropriate box.

Thesis #1:

Source #1 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***

Source #2 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***

Thesis #2:

Source #1 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***

Source #2 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***

Thesis #3:

Source #1 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***

Source #2 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***

Thesis #4:

Source #1 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***

Source #2 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***

Thesis #5:

Source #1 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***

Source #2 URL:

CRAAP Score

Currency		Out of 10	Accuracy		Out of 10
Relevance		Out of 10	Purpose		Out of 10
Authority		Out of 10	***Total Score***		***Out of 50***