**Humanities Unit 1 Project: History, Literature and Music 2000-Present**

Goal: Students will understand the importance of Literature and Music to society and its contributions to history during the period of the 2000’s through Present Day.

Objective: Students will be able to research and write about an author or musician explaining the importance of his/her literature or music on society and his/her contribution to history during the period of the 2000’s through Present Day. SWBAT create a historical timeline that includes major global and national events as well as import pieces of literature and music.

Assignment:

1. You will create a historical timeline that includes major global and national events as well as import pieces of literature and music. Formats for the timeline can be handwritten (neatly), or using Microsoft: Word, PowerPoint, or Excel.
2. You will be creating a biography of a particular author or musician and must include the following items:
* Given name and stage (or pen) name, birth date and birth place
* Type of author or musician: i.e. poet, novelist, singer, songwriter, instrumental (list all applicable)
* Type of literature or music and era (2000’s or 2010’s)
* Claim to Fame (how he/she became famous): lists hit books/poems or albums/songs, location of fame and date of first hit
* Length of career
* Date and place of death if applicable
* Include ALL of the following items: 2 photographs, 1 video and/or 1 song lyrics or literature that shows the author’s or musician’s influence on or commentary about: history, society and/or the music field.

**You will be presenting and teaching the class about your musician’s contribution as part of your grade.**

You may choose the format of your assignment, but it must include all of the items listed above regardless of your format choice.

Assignment format choices:

1. Poster board with hand drawn pictures, typed or neatly written biography information, and printed lyrics. You must still find a video to show to the class as example of your person’s music.
2. PowerPoint presentation should include a minimum of 10 slides for your musician that includes the assignment criteria. You may also use Google Slideshow or Prezi.

You will have 7 days to complete this project before presenting it to the class. You will have 5 class periods to work on it and the rest must be completed outside of class. You should plan to stay for tutoring afterschool on Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday from 3-5:30 to finish it, or attend the public library, or finish it at home if you have the needed supplies.

Due date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Presentation dates\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_