**Mural Project**

Due date – Thursday, 3/12/20

**Directions:**

Your assignment is to make a visual thesis – a mural – that answers one of the prompts below. The mural must be at least 4 square feet in size and use at least 4 symbols. The mural must give a clear and direct answer to the prompt you chose. In addition to the mural, you will turn in a written explanation of your thesis, including an explanation of how each of the symbols work together to represent your thesis.

**Prompts:**

1. How did the Cold War restrict freedom of thought and expression of American citizens? How did the Cold War affect American society? (Choose 1 area such as religion, restriction of thought, youth rebellion, etc)
2. To what extent was the Civil Rights Movement about the influence of individual heroes, and to what extent was it about grassroots, collective action?
3. Why were the 1960s known regarded as a chaotic time in American history? How did social and/or political events of the 1960s change American society?

**What You Must Turn In:**

1. A mural with at least 2-4 symbols. The mural must be at least 4 square feet, but if it is bigger that is fine too. The mural can be done on a block of wood, like the ones on the back hallway, or they can be made of poster board, foam board, or poster paper. Make these as presentable and neat as possible so that they may be put on display for the world to see…
2. A typed, written explanation of the thesis and the symbols (at least) used in the mural. You must explain what the symbol is supposed to represent, AND why you chose that particular symbol as a representation of the topic/subject. **At least 250 words.**

**Project Rubric**

1. Mural (thesis, symbols, clarity) – 35 Points
   1. **Perfect – 35 points**

The mural clearly reflects the thesis, 4 symbols are used and are easy to see, the mural makes sense visually

* 1. **Good – 29 points**

The thesis is evident in the mural, 4 symbols are there and make sense visually, few of these elements are outstanding

* 1. **Sufficient – 26 points**

All required aspects are there but they are not particularly outstanding

* 1. **Poor – 22 points**

The thesis is not reflected in the mural or incomplete number of symbols, mural is mostly complete but lacking thoroughness

* 1. **Attempted but needs much improvement – 20 points**

Some of the mural is complete, but much of it is lacking in effort or completion

1. Mural is the correct size – 10 points
   1. **Yes – 10 points**
   2. **No – 0 points**
2. Thesis is… – 10 points
   1. **Clear, thoughtfully, and directly answers the prompt – 10 points**
   2. **Clearly answers the prompt – 8 points**
   3. **Attempting to answer the prompt, but is unsuccessful – 6 points**
   4. **Not present – 0 points**
3. Written Explanation of Symbols and Thesis – 25 Points
   1. **Thorough and well-written – 25 points**

Writing portion is 100% complete, thesis is clear and thoughtfully written, all of the symbols are completely explained

* 1. **Above Average – 21 points**

Writing portion is 100% complete, thesis is clear, all of the symbols are explained, the writing is occasionally unclear

* 1. **Sufficient – 18 points**

Writing portion is 100% complete, thesis is there, all of the symbols are explained, the writing is unclear or missing thoughtfulness

* 1. **Poor – 16 points**

Writing is mostly complete, thesis is missing or symbols are not fully explained

* 1. **Attempted but needs much improvement – 13 points**

Writing is partially complete, but needs significant improvement

1. Grammar Punctuation – 10 points
   1. **Well above average – 10 points**

No grammatical, spelling, or punctuation mistakes in the entire project

* 1. **Above Average – 8 points**

One or two grammatical, spelling, or punctuation mistakes in the project. Does not detract from the writing.

* 1. **Average – 7 points**

Three to four noticeable grammatical, spelling, or punctuation mistakes. Overall understanding of the writing is intact.

* 1. **Below Average – 6 points**

Multiple grammatical, spelling, or punctuation mistakes that takeaway some meaning from the writing.

* 1. **Well Below Average – 5 points**

Multiple careless grammatical, spelling, or punctuation mistakes that prevent the reader from understanding the writing.

1. Presentability/Creativity – 10 Points
   1. **Above average – 10 points**

Mural is neat and the mural clearly shows creative thought went into its construction

* 1. **Average – 8 points**

The mural is mostly neat but has messy some areas. There is some creativity but nothing outstanding.

* 1. **Below average – 6 points**

Mural is not neat or creative. It looks like little effort went into the assignment.