**1920s Movie Project**

**U.S. HISTORY**

**Unit 5 Assessment**

**DIRECTIONS:** create a movie poster, movie trailer script, and movie review based on a topic related to the 1920s.

**STEP 1: Choose a topic from the list below.**

* Prohibition
* Harlem Renaissance
* Changing Roles of Women
* Modern Technology
* Car Culture
* American Heroes
* Organized Crime
* Lost Generation
* Booming Economy
* Mass Media

**STEP 2: Research your chosen topic.**

1. You must find a minimum of 3 sources in addition to your textbook/notes. Use only credible sources! (No Wiki, Answers.com, blogs, etc.)
2. Create an MLA formatted bibliography (See the MLA page of the class website for help.)
3. Use the “Fact Finding” sheet to record information about your topic, key figures, and key terms that will help you write your movie trailer script and film review (1 paragraph each).

**STEP 3: Write the script for your movie trailer (or make the trailer with iMovie Maker).**

* Your script should
  + Be at least a minimum of 1 paragraph (7 sentences) and maximum of 1 page in length.
    - If using iMovie app – Minimum 1 minute in length, maximum 3 minutes in length
  + Show you understand what your topic is about and why it is important in American history.
  + Use real people from the time period as the hero and villains.
  + Clearly represent a film genre and idea for the storyline.
  + Use at least 3-5 1920s slang terms (see Projects page for a list to choose from).
    - Note: You are NOT writing the script for a full movie. This is ONLY a script for the trailer (a.k.a. preview) to your movie.

**STEP 4: Write a review of your film as a professional critic.**

* Your review should
  + Be at least a minimum of 1 paragraph (7sentences) and maximum of 1 page in length.
  + Describe the film as if you’ve seen it in an advanced screening and are explaining why or why not people should go see it.
  + Talk about the actors, sets/locations, special effects, and historical accuracy.
  + Use at least 3-5 1920s slang terms (different from those used in the trailer script).

**STEP 5: Make a movie poster that advertises your film (hand drawn or digitally designed).**

* Your poster should
  + Include a creative title for the film that gives a clue as to what your chosen topic is.
  + List actors and actresses who appear in the film. Who plays the villain? Who plays the hero?
  + Include a tag line.
  + Include a movie rating (G, PG-13, R)
  + Include clear visual clues showing topic, key historical figures, genre, and plot.

**FACT FINDING**

**My chosen topic is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. What is the topic about? *(Find 10-15 facts)*
2. Why is this topic important in American history? *(Think. Does this topic cause anything to happen? Are there any long-lasting effects due to this topic?)*
3. When does this topic take shape in the 1920s? *(Is your topic something that happens over time? Is your topic connected to specific events?)*
4. How can this topic become the basis of a movie plot? (*Think about what genre this topic could connect to.)*
5. Who are the key historical figures involved in this topic? *(You will need a hero and villain for your movie plot. How can the people you are learning about fit into your story?)*