

# 120 SECONDS OF HISTORY

**MR. BYERS**  
**WORLD HISTORY**

## GOAL

The student is able to pursue an historical topic of his/her personal interest, research the topic, and then make an oral/visual informative presentation of his/her research discoveries to the rest of the class.

## TOPIC

The student will choose an approved topic related to a specific Unit. He/she should choose a topic in consultation with Mr. Byers. Possible topics might include: a specific historical event or battle, a famous work of art, a significant speech or law, a famous person or group, or a presentation and explanation of a family memento with special historical significance.

## GUIDELINES:

- Each student will have 120 seconds (two minutes) to inform his/her peers about his/her topic through an oral and visual presentation to the class.
- Each student must make use of helpful visual aids, props, handouts, transparencies, models, music, costumes, videos, etc. as part of his/her presentation.
- Students may work together in small-groups (no more than FOUR students) on a single topic WITH the approval of Mr. Byers at least one week BEFORE their presentation date. With more involvement and participants, a higher level of performance is expected of these presentations. The time limit must still be adhered to (120 seconds per student). Set-up/preparation and take-down/clean-up must be taken into account in the presentation process as well.
- Each student may be asked questions related to the topic AFTER his/her presentation by his/her classmates and/or by Mr. Byers.
- Students do not turn in any written material for this assignment. This is an ORAL and VISUAL presentation.
- This is really like a sophisticated "Show and Tell"...so have fun and make it interesting!

## GRADING GUIDELINES:

Each student presentation begins with 100% and then is "adjusted" accordingly:

- (-20%) no visual element used in the presentation.
- (-15%) insufficient presentation length, in terms of time.
- (-15%...or more) an unusually poor presentation.
- (+5%) an unusually good presentation.