Inquiry: World War I/Post World War I
Mrs. Guyer and the Unquiet Library, April 2015
PowerPoint Presentation Zen Assignment Description and Guidelines

Each student will create a presentation that highlights key learnings and ideas from his/her research on an aspect of World War I or post World War I event.

Purpose and Overview

We will create presentations that use a key primary image for each slide to help convey your insights and key pieces of information you have learned through your research project.

Design General Guidelines

- No bullets.
- Aim for just one word or phrase on a slide.
- Aim for one powerful image on a slide. That image could be accompanied by minimal text or no text at all.
- Unless you are using the photo images as a background or image in the PPT, avoid clip art. Do not use "cartoon" clipart from Microsoft Office.
- Search for copyright friendly images (Creative Commons licensed) using the photo pools we have linked to on the research pathfinder. You may search for images conceptually or literally; we suggest using a combination of the two. For interest, what images would photographers tag to represent "lonely" or "cold"?
- Stick with Arial, Calibri, Tahoma, or Verdana fonts only for the primary text in your slides; use at least 40 size font.
- Be creative in grabbing and maintaining attention. Think outside the box.
- When using quotes, look for the nugget within the quote. Shorten it as much as possible and discover its essence.
- DO include the source of your image in the lower corner of your slide (whichever side is best). Please document with this text: "CC image from [insert URL back to image]. Use size 12 or smaller font.
- The slides are for the audience; tell the story of your content and your person through the images; talk off the PPT. Do not read from your PowerPoint.
- Your title slide may have a striking image (but not overly/visually busy); you must include:
  >Names of Group Members
  >Name of Your Topic
  >Course Title
  >Class Period
- DO include a "Works Cited" as your very last slide; this will be the same list as what you use for your paper. We encourage you to use NoodleTools or Easybib (MLA Advanced), to cite your sources.
Content: Organizing the Presentation Zen Style

Frame the presentation to address these major ideas/themes:

**Part I: Defining the Event/Topic**

- Define the key details of the historical event or topic
- Provide significant details to help address the “highlights” or key things to know about the issue
- Identify at least three key research questions your group investigated

**Part II: Defining the Impact of the Event/Topic**

- Share the findings of your key research questions
- How did this event or topic impact history (locally and/or globally) during its time period?

**Part III: Reflections and Insights**

- How do your findings further/enhance/deepend your understanding of World War I and/or the time period?
- What lessons can modern society/culture learn from this historical event/topic?

Let’s Review---The Total Minimum Number of Slides: 17

- Title Slide (1 slide)
- Part I (at least 5 slides)
- Part II (at least 5 slides)
- Part III (at least 5 slides)
- Works Cited Slide (at least 1 slide)
Checklist to Review

☐ Do I have a title slide following the instructions from page 1 of the handouts?
☐ Have I used one key image per slide and avoided cartoons and collages?
☐ Have I either set the key image as the background or worked w/ a librarian to set the photo in a visually friendly way if I can’t stretch the photo without distorting it?
☐ Is my main text at least size 40 font or larger?
☐ Have I used Arial, Calibri, Tahoma, or Verdana fonts only?
☐ Have I avoided using special text effects (bold and italics ARE permitted; glowing effects and others are not)
☐ Have I used only black or white color for my fonts?
☐ Have I used a transparent or solid text box when needed so viewers can see the text on top of the photo?
☐ Have I provided the correct image attribution for each slide? (CC image via [insert link and be sure to hit the space bar to make it active])
☐ Have I only used images from:
   > The Creative Commons pool of photos in Flickr using the Advanced Search
   > Wikimedia Commons
   > New York Public Library Digital Library of Copyright Friendly Images
   > Stock photos from Microsoft Clip Art
   > An original photo approved by a librarian or your teacher
☐ Have I followed the organizational pattern from page 2 in setting up my slides?
☐ Have I selected images that represent concrete details or abstract representations about my topic/disaster?
☐ Have I asked for help if I need it?

Tutorials and Help:

Link to your pathfinder Presentation Zen Help Page
Link to your pathfinder Video Tutorials/Help and Presentation Zen in Action