

AP US HISTORY POST- EXAM RESEARCH MINI-PROJECT

- Evaluate and analyze a particular conspiracy theory - a list of possibilities and key terms is provided on the next page.

SELECT A TOPIC THAT YOU FIND PARTICULARLY COMPELLING.

- Be sure to use not just materials outlining conspiracy beliefs but also either primary documents through which the conspiracy beliefs can be evaluated, or skeptical sources, such as CSICOP (www.csicop.org) or the "debunking" section of Crank.net (www.Crank.net), which has skeptical sites under many subjects clearly labeled

antiCRANK.

- FORMAT is of your choosing: paper, poster, power point, video, bringing in an alien or plot member for show-and-tell.

- **PRESENTATIONS are optional and, if creditable, will receive extra credit.**

Remember that this is not to be used as your opportunity to make up the wildest theories that you can. This project should be highly factual and analytical. These questions should organize your research into your topic:

- ***Who (especially what group of people) seems attracted to a particular theory (or to a particular type of theory) and what political and/or or religious beliefs seem to be associated with it?***
- ***Is this theory plausible and logical in terms of the motivations, methods, and goals of the conspiracy that it posits?***
- ***What real-world concerns or fears, if any, seem to be embodied or projected in this set of beliefs?***
- ***What ideological work (or function) does this belief play for those who hold it?***
- ***And, lastly, what, if any, actual evidence supports this theory? (This should not be your sole focus.)***

You do not necessarily have to answer all of these questions in your project, but these are the questions you should be asking yourself as you research, organize, and write it. The end result should certainly address most of them.

DUE DATE: NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, MAY 25th

CONSPIRACY & CONSPIRACY THEORY: CONCEPTS & TERMS

(order represents no hidden agenda – *OR DOES IT?*)

Fluoridation
MK-ULTRA (mind control)
“New Age” religions
9/11 Truth Movement
FEMA
Black helicopters
AIDS-related conspiracy theories
Face on Mars
OKC bombing
Waco
Satanic ritual abuse
The Rapture
John Birch Society
Military-industrial complex
Oswald, Lee H.
Warren Commission
Garrison, Jim
“lone gunman” theory
Oswald impersonators
King, Martin Luther & Ray, James Earl
Watergate
“flying saucers”
Ufology
Salem witch trials
Order of the Illuminati
Protocols of the Elders of Zion
North American Union
Lincoln Assassination
TWA Flight 800
Sonny Bono “ski accident”
Marilyn Monroe “overdose”
Chemtrails
Nikola Tesla
Bohemian Grove
AREA 51
Electronic Voting Fraud

Brainwashing
Reptilians
Anti-immunization movement
LIHOP vs. MIHOP theories
United Nations & New World Order
Cattle mutilations
Moon Landing “hoax”
Iran-Contra scandal
Turner Diaries
Tuskegee Experiment
McMartin case
Exorcism
Bay of Pigs
Vietnam, JFK’s policy toward
Ruby, Jack
Zapruder film
“magic bullet” theory
Grassy Knoll
Robert Kennedy & Sirhan Sirhan
Wallace, George
Roswell incident
Project Blue Book
Contactees / Abductees
Spectral evidence
Freemasonry
Holocaust deniers
Philadelphia Experiment
Federal Reserve System → *DEBT!!!*
Vince Foster “suicide”
Jimmy Hoffa “disappearance”
HAARP
Who Killed the Electric Car?
“Peak Oil”
“Skull & Bones”
Elvis & Tupac Sightings
Human Organs Trade