*Civics/Current U.S. Issues*

**Performance Assessment Parent Letter**

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**Dear Parent,**

Your student is required to complete the performance assessment described below. A power point presentation, if done correctly, can serve a variety of purposes, including the development of specific skills that enhance student achievement across the curriculum (reading, research, writing, public speaking). Your student’s participation in each stage of this project is essential, as is following specific guidelines and meeting deadlines. While the power point will be completed in class, please encourage your student to be present, **to follow the directions distributed in class**, and to meet the appropriate deadlines.

**Task:**

The following assignment is designed to reinforce the classroom units that address current issues faced by citizens of the United States. It will emphasize research, composition, technology, and presentation skills. Students will be required to research a current state/national issue, design an effective Power Point presentation, and teach the material in a formal presentation in cooperative learning groups. Work will be completed in the classroom, will be checked for pacing using the following schedule, and presentations will begin Monday, 11/8.

**Assessment:**

**Individual Presentation grade:** Project Grade **Presentation Works Cited:** Daily Grade

**Group Presentation grade:** Test Grade **Research Notes:** Daily Grade

**Checkpoint Dates: Due Date:**

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| **# 1**  **Date: 10/2** | **# 2**  **Date: 10/3** | **# 3**  **Date: 10/4** | **Completed**  **Date: 10/5** |
| **Description**:  **Research Completed** | **Description:**  **PPT Slides ½ completed** | **Description:**  **All PPT Slides completed** | **Description:**  **Presentations Completed + Works Cited** |

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**I have read the above information and understand that my child is responsible for following all guidelines and meeting all deadlines.**

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**Parent Signature Student Signature Date**

**Note to Parents concerning laptops:**

Several students have requested permission to bring a personal laptop to school during the week of project preparation. They may do so with parent permission, and every effort will be made to protect it from damage, however neither EBA nor this instructor can assume responsibility for the laptop while it is on this campus. In addition, students who use the computer in an unauthorized manner will be asked to take the laptop home, and parents will be contacted. Please sign below if you grant your child permission to bring a personal laptop to school the week of 10/2-10/5 for project preparation only.

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