

Attention all students! After Thanksgiving we will be entering the last 3 weeks of our semester! This is the beginning of the end! We have explored the world and learned about 5 different regions: The Romans and Byzantines, the Islamic Empire in the Arabian Peninsula, West Africa, China, and Japan. At this time in the year, we have practiced skills that you will need to be successful historians and adults. With the end of the year upon us, I would like you to choose a region you are most passionate about and a project in which to demonstrate your mastery of that region.

Below I have created a menu of projects from a few of the regions we have studied, but you are not tied to them. For example, if you would like to create a comic strip about Muhammad's Journey, rather than West Africa you are more than free. *Any topic we have covered can be used for any of these 3 options.*

Option 1: Comic Strip	Option 2: Google Slides	Option 3: Stop Motion Movie
<p>In the beginning of October we learned about how civilization developed along the coast of West Africa. Small families and clans banded together for protection. Over time, these villages became 3 large empires: Ghana, Mali, and Songhai. This is a story that is often lost or forgotten in history. If you choose this project you are going to create a comic strip based on this story.</p> <p>Use this link to get started: <a href="http://Storyboardthat.com">Storyboardthat.com</a> Create your free account so you can save your work as you go!</p> <p>I have attached directions and a paper-based version of the project if you choose not to use your Chromebook.</p> <p>Alternative topic: Muhammad's Journey/the Origins of Islam</p>	<p>We have been practicing our primary source analysis skills and now it is up to you to take action! You are going to choose an artifact of your choice to create a 4 slide presentation about the artifact. We are practicing historians. On Google Classroom you each have a document assigned to you titled "Artifact Sources." On this document you will see links to museum exhibits. Explore these exhibits and choose an artifact. Follow the directions for each slide also attached to the assignment on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Next steps! If you want an A+ on this assignment you must take action for our community. All the artifacts linked in your Google Doc belong to other museums. Your job is to compose an argument requesting these museums to lend the artifact you researched to our local Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. I will submit these arguments to the Bowers for them to send to national museums! One day maybe you will get to see your artifact in person!</p> <p>I've attached the directions, the Google Doc (view only, the links are only active on Google Classroom) and a sample project from last year. To the right are the links to the Chinese exhibits at the Met. The artifacts from this collection would fit nicely with the China exhibit currently at the Bowers.</p>	<p>Claymation and movie lovers this is your chance to create your own movie about feudal Japan! You can choose from a variety of topics ranging from Japan's cultural development, the Golden Age, and samurai culture.</p> <p><b>** This project requires the use of an iPhone or Android smart phone**</b></p> <p>You are going to use the app Free Stop Motion Studio to create a 2 minute long movie about Feudal Japan. Here's how to start:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brainstorm the main idea and 4-6 key points of your assigned topic that will need to be animated.</li> <li>2. Create a title and brief animation storyboard with your pair/group.</li> <li>3. Create characters and a setting.</li> <li>4. Place characters in the setting and take a picture. Move the character slightly and take another picture. Repeat process.</li> <li>5. Place sound in the animation by either creating a recording or importing music.</li> <li>6. Save the project to the device camera roll. Select the MEDIUM 360-p file option when prompted.</li> <li>7. Submit your project to the assignment posting on Google Classroom.</li> </ol> <p>If you would like to work with a partner on this project you may, but please take the survey posted to Google Classroom, so I can pair you with someone working on the same topic and ensure that each team has a smart device to download the app.</p> <p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for a tutorial video on Stop Motion Studio Alternative Topics: The Fall of the Western Roman Empire, the Rise of the Byzantines, Muhammad's Siege on Medina, China's Inventions, Early Societies in West Africa.</p>