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***Risking it All: Wax Museum Project***

**Assignment:**

We will be developing a living wax museum that students and parents can come and visit. You will choose a famous risk taker to research. You will create a costume, dress as your chosen person, and then assume the identity of your historical figure, complete with props and a visual “museum” display. As part of your final project, you must write **two paragraphs** explaining why your person would be considered a risk taker.

**Method:**

* You will work on this project at home and at school.
* The project will count as a major test grade.
* Your project must include the following: bibliography, written explanation (two paragraphs), visual representation (costume, props, and background), tri-fold display board

**Research Process:**

Use reference sources to collect the following information: subject’s date of birth, childhood, family, education, adult life, and date of death (if applicable). You must have at least **three** reliable sources, **not Wikipedia**. Sources can be print or non-print. While researching, make sure you gather information about why this person was/is a risk taker.

**\*You must turn in a bibliography with your final product.**

**Tri-fold Display Board:**

Follow these guidelines for the display board.

* Anything attached to the poster board should be matted on a different color paper. The key is to pick 2-3 colors to use as a background on your display.
* The risk taker’s name must be prominently displayed in large letters centered at the top of the board.
* You must include a timeline on your display board. Input your information in the online timeline generator. This will produce a printable timeline that will be used on the display board. The first website only accepts six events. The second website allows you to enter the number of events you wish.
	+ <http://www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/materials/timeline/>
	+ <http://www.softschools.com/teacher_resources/timeline_maker/>
	+ You will need to add pictures to the timeline.
* Your display must include a minimum of four pictures. Color pictures are preferred. You may use various sizes of pictures, but you should have one LARGE picture of the famous person that stands out from the other pictures.
* In addition to the requirements above, you should include any other important visual aids that will give viewers more information about your famous person. This may include any notable quotes made by the famous person.

**Visual Representation:**

* You should dress in costume to portray your subject. This costume should reflect information about the subject and the time period in which he/she lived.
* Don’t wait until the last minute! Start to look for a costume, collect pictures, and locate other props that you can use to help “set the scene.”
* Look at pictures of your person to give you inspiration. Did he/she wear glasses? How did his/her hair look? Be creative and have fun with it.
* You should include any other important visual aids that give viewers more information about your famous person.
* This portion of your project should be completed at home.

**\*You make work on this project by yourself or with a partner.**