Writing Assignment 1: Discovering Historical Figures

The assignment will be a 2 to 2 1/2 (double spaced) writing assignment, written in Times New Roman 12pt font, in which the student will discuss why the assigned historical figure was significant to American History. The purpose of this assignment is for student to not only research an important historical figure, but also think in a more dimensional aspect and look at American History as a whole. Each of the assigned historical figures belonged to a certain movement or important time in history. It is therefore the responsibility of the person to not only place the historical figure in the specific time frame, but also look at the important movement or time in history as a whole and realize how this person impacted that specific time, the historical figures Civic Responsibility, and their ability to engage effectively in local, regional, national, and global communities. In addition, it must also connect the historical figures choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making. Finally, it must discuss how their actions changed present day events (where would we be without their actions today).

I expect each and every student to do their own research. Do not copy off of another student! Each student is expected to turn in a bibliography of the sources that they used in researching and completing this paper. The sources used must include at least three secondary sources. Students that use primary sources will receive 5 extra points per source, with a maximum of 3 (please note that using a primary source is additional, it does not replace a secondary source). In addition, this paper must follow Chicago Style writing with footnotes, and therefore a cover or title page should accompany the assignment.

Note: Wikipedia is not a viable source and therefore should not be noted as part of their sources. For the purpose of this paper, all online sources must come from .org, .edu or .net. Please do not use bio or bibliography.com, history channel.com or history .com. Be careful what you write. Plagiarism will not be tolerated!

Paper Must Include:

- Title Page
- Research Paper, pages must be numbered
- Discuss Background
- Civic Responsibility
- Significance, during their time and present day
- All citations must be done using footnotes
- Bibliography