

A Dividing Nation Movie Trailer Podcast



Who: small groups of approximately 4-5 students

What: a movie trailer iMovie (of no more than 3 minutes) about an assigned event that led to the Civil War.

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Where: LAB _____ . Viewing them in class on _____ .

Why: to learn about reasons that the United States felt “divided” enough to engage in a civil war.

How: using the *iMovie* program including commentary, music, visual images, and text.

Steps:

- (1) Read appropriate section of chapter 21 and take notes in your ISN
- (2) Get into assigned groups and get assigned topic.
- (3) Design a plan for your podcast using the provided handout.
- (4) Get plan approved by your teacher.
- (5) Begin creation of podcast. EDIT/EDIT/EDIT!!!



Requirements:

Content: The content of your movie trailer should portray your assigned issue as a potential cause of the Civil War. Student viewers should be immediately hooked! After viewing your trailer, students should understand the conflict(s) that led to the “dividing nation.” The following should all be evident in your trailer: (1) A creative title, (2) casting of actual actors into main character roles, (3) the setting, conflict and most relevant information about your topic, and (4) historical vocabulary and quotes from your text. Be sure to leave the viewers in suspense as to the “ending” of your movie.

Delivery: While your purpose should be to teach/inform your peers about your assigned topic, this doesn't mean that you have to be boring. Make this exciting! ☺ Your voices should be clearly heard, words enunciated, and pacing appropriate. Don't rush or we won't be able to decipher what you are saying. Make sure if you include text that is spelled correctly and grammatically accurate.

Graphics and Music: You should include a lot of both, but be sure that they enhance (not detract)

from the overall podcast. The tone of the music should create the appropriate mood for your topic. Visuals should help us to learn about your topic. And, be sure that ALL MATERIAL is appropriate for school.

Technical Production: This is where all of your editing will come into play.

Your podcast should have smooth transitions, good quality graphics and music, and appropriate volume levels. To the best of your ability, record your voice for commentary in a quiet environment so as not to have noisy backgrounds in your podcasts.



Group work: It is your responsibility to pull your weight in this project. After you devise a plan, make

sure you fulfill your specific responsibilities. Stay on topic and help your group create the best iMovie possible! Think Academy Awards!