Perspectives – Small group research activity
Witch-hunt Research

Students will be assigned to different “witch hunts” and will conduct research based on their assigned event. They will create a small visual and presentation to share with the class.

Procedure
1. Do research – gather information and when possible, images and pictures related to your topic. You will have about 45 minutes for this step... make sure everyone has a role. Use the time wisely!
2. Work with your group to create a power point – this is something that you will present to the class.
3. Present your information to the class: 3-5 slides in 3-5 minutes.

The Salem Witch Trials
McCarthyism/House Un-American Activities
Patriot Act
Japanese Internment Camps
Pink Lists
Stonewall Riots
Traffic (Racial) Profiling
Jim Crow Laws
Black Lists in Hollywood
Holocaust/Anti-Semitism

Use the following questions to help you find the information you need:
1. What happened? (Share a summary of your research findings)
2. Who was involved?
3. When did this “witch-hunt” occur?
4. Where did this “witch-hunt” occur?
5. What was the source of the call for the hunt? Why did the hunt occur?
6. How did the hunt end? What was the result of the hunt?
7. Why should this matter to you and your classmates?

Possible sources for research:
Cart of books ready for Witchhunt Research.
Online databases that will work well:
Go to Media Center and then click on Online Research Tools.

ABC-CLIO U.S. History

for:
  • Salem Witch Trials
  • McCarthyism/House Un-American Activities
  • Patriot Act
  • Japanese Internment Camps
  • Jim Crow Laws
  • Anti-Semitism/Holocaust
for:

- Racial profiling (huge list of related topics on left side of search results)
- Homophobia (huge list of related topics on left side of search results)

**More Salem Witch Hunts Resources:**
http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/SALEM.HTM

**The Crucible Project**
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**Salem, MA Visitor's Guide**
http://www.salemweb.com/guide/

To check out the history of witches go to:
The Crucible Project
Click on “17th Century View of Witches”

To learn about other historical witch hunts see:
The Crucible Project
Click on “Witch Hunts”

To hear about modern day witch hunts (some with video) check out:
The Crucible Project
Click on “Witch Hunts”
Click on “The McCarthy Hearings”

To learn about the details of Puritan life (highly recommended!) go to:
The Crucible Project
Click on “Background”
Click on “Puritan Society”

To see some cool pictures of Salem and more background information (highly recommended!) go to:
The Salem Witch Trials

To watch a movie about the Witch Trials go to:
The Salem Witch Trials
Click on “The story of the witch hunt”