1950s Home front Project

Harking back to the good old days, everything was great in the 1950s. Remember *Leave It To Beaver*? Life seemed great! But who was it great for? What if you were a little different? Female? African American? Hispanic? Native American? Gay or lesbian? What was life like for you? Your task is to investigate a topic concerning American life specifically through the lens of race, gender, sexual orientation, or religion about American life in the 1950s.

Directions:
With a partner, using iMovie create a 2-4 minute documentary about one of the topics listed below (you are allowed creative reign, so if you have another idea, please let me know). You need to research your topic, create a script, cite your sources in the script, and then create your iMovie documentary.

REQUIRED Items to include in your iMovie:
- 2-4 minute documentary (no more than 4 minutes!)
- At least 20 images from the time period
  - Voice over narration on the images
- An interview
  - The interview may be with someone who lived during the 1950s or you may recreate an interview and pretend to be someone who lived during the 1950s (if you do not interview someone who lived through the 1950s, your information needs to come from researched sources and be accurate)

REQUIRED Items to turn in:
- A works cited page in MLA format
  - You need to include 3-5 sources (Wikipedia does not count)
- A script of your video with your sources CITED IN THE SCRIPT (in-text citations)
  - Your script needs to match what you say in the video
- Your iMovie

DUE DATE AND WORK DATES:
- Monday April 3 and Tuesday April 4 are LIBRARY research days
- Wednesday April 5/Thursday April 6 are LIBRARY iMovie creation day
- **Friday April 7 – Presentations!**

*Topics on reverse side*
Possible Topic Choices:

- **Gender in the 1950s**
  - Beginning of feminist movement
  - Media images
  - Advertisement
  - The nuclear family
  - Television and gender
  - Baby boom
  - Dating culture
  - Fashion

- **Race in the 1950s**
  - i.e., White, African American, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American
  - Suburban growth
  - Urban growth
  - Jobs
  - Socioeconomic status
  - Discrimination
  - General life experiences
  - Beginnings of civil rights movements

- **LGBT in the 1950s**
  - Discrimination
  - Jobs
  - Socioeconomic status
  - Beginning of LGBT civil rights movement

- **Local life in Overland Park, KS in 1950s**