For this unit, you will be asked to evaluate an issue of civil liberties or civil rights in America today. This will involve a description of the history of the issue, the parties affected, and where the issue stands today. To do this, you will need to conduct your own independent research using the resources available to you including but not limited to: the internet, your textbook, handouts from this unit.

Place all of your research and findings into a Microsoft PowerPoint or Google Slides presentation. For PowerPoints, e-mail them to J_Hardin@BlueValleyK12.org. Share (do not e-mail the link, use the share button) Google Slides with the same e-mail address.

Requirements and possible topics are below.

POSSIBLE TOPICS

Freedom of Expression
Freedom of Speech
Self-Incrimination
Unreasonable Search & Seizure
Cruel & Unusual Punishment
Freedom of the Press
Freedom of Religion

The Civil Rights Movement
Affirmative Action
Issues of Immigration
Women’s Rights & Feminism
LGBT Rights
Disabilities Rights
Rights of Aging Americans

REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRESENTATION

Your PowerPoint presentation should include the following slides:

Slide 1 – Title Slide (Your Project, Class Name, Your Name)
Slide 2 – Issue Overview: Explain in 1-2 paragraphs what your issue is and what the basics are.
Slide 3 – History: Give a brief overview of the history of your issue.
Slide 4 – Specific Example: Provide one specific example of how this issue has come up or could come up.
Slide 5 – Major Laws & Cases: Choose the 1-3 biggest cases or laws and tell how they impacted this issue.
Slide 6 – Future: What is the future of this issue? Is it solved, what might still be on the horizon for this?
Slide 7 – Sources: List the author, title, and URL (where available) of all of the sources you used.

DUE DATE & POINTS POSSIBLE

This project is due on Thursday, October 15th, 2015 at the beginning of class. A total of 50 points are possible in the following categories.

Presentation – 10 points for a clean, nicely-done, finished product in the appropriate format.
Content – 30 points for inclusion of all appropriate content with sufficient detail (5 points per part)
Sources – 10 points for listing of sources used including the text, handouts, articles, and websites