

## **US History**

### **The Most Courageous American Tournament**

Our research project for this semester will be a little different. We will be conducting a tournament like the March Madness NCAA tournament. Instead of basketball games our tournament will consist of the most courageous Americans from 1900 until the present. You can use anybody that you find to be courageous. To have your candidate considered for the tournament you must write a persuasive essay telling me why that person should be considered the most courageous American in recent US History. Not all candidates will make the tournament. The tournament will consist of 8-20 people and only the best essays will get your person in the game. Once the tournament starts all students will have assignments they must complete in order to vote in each matchup. These assignments along with your persuasive essay will be your research grade for the semester.

#### **The Persuasive Essay (Should be typed) (60 pts)**

Your persuasive essay should clearly state why your candidate for the tournament is the most courageous American. It should contain a brief introductory paragraph with background information about your person that ends with a brief thesis revealing what makes him or her courageous. The rest of your essay should prove your thesis with several examples of their courage. You must include one source for your essay.

#### **The Highlight Sheet (Should be typed) (10 pts)**

Before the tournament starts each student will create a highlight sheet with a minimum of five but no more than ten details about your candidate's courageous acts. Each sheet should also contain a picture.

#### **Researching (15 pts)**

On the day of each first round vote everybody in the class will list two examples of courage for each hero in the vote. You will list these on the google classroom assignment created for each vote.

#### **Championship (10 Bonus Points)**

The students whose candidate makes it to the championship will each present a short video to convince the class to vote for their candidate.