To Kill a Mockingbird
1930's Group Project

Before reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, you will research the 1930's to gain a better understanding of the era and the novel. After you have finished researching, compile the information and present your findings to the class.

1. Choose one topic about the 1930's. Some possible choices are listed below.
   - Entertainment (Radio, Movies,)
   - People and Personalities (Greta Garbo, Bette Davis, Richard E. Byrd, Amelia Earhart, Frances Perkins, Will Rogers, Dorthea Lange)
   - Architecture (Empire State Building, Chrysler Building, Rockefeller Center, Frank Lloyd Wright)
   - Athletics (1932 Olympics, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Jesse Owens, Mildred Babe Didrikson)
   - School
   - Daily Life
   - What small town life was like
   - Authors (F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, Caesar Chavez)
   - Historical events (The Great Depression, Stock Market Crash, Dust Bowls)
   - Music (Popular Songs, Woodie Guthrie, Huddie Ledbetter, Big Bands, Broadway Musicals)
   - Fashion (Clothing, Hairstyles)
   - Franklin D. Roosevelt (Fireside Chats)
   - Herbert Hoover (Hoovervilles)
   - Agriculture/Farming
   - Works Progress Administration (WPA), The New Deal, The Social Security Act, The Wagner Act of 1935,

2. Research your topic in small groups (2-3 people). After your research is complete, organize your findings in a PowerPoint, or you might try a different presentation tool. Be prepared to share your information (3-4 minutes) with the class. Make sure your PowerPoint has more than just text. Incorporate visuals or audio— a handout, artwork, a piece of music, video clips, pictures, etc. — to enhance your presentation.

3. Each member of the group must participate equally.

4. In your presentation, make sure to include why your event, person, or interesting facts were significant during the 1930's.

- Don't forget a Works Cited page that lists all of the sources you use in your presentation. See the back page about how to cite. This will be on a separate piece of paper! Don't put it in your presentation. I need to see that you can do this in Microsoft Word.

5. DO NOT READ OFF OF YOUR PRESENTATION!!! Come prepared with notes or an outline of what you are going to say.

6. BE CREATIVE!!!!!

Presentations are due <u>Wednesday, 1/11</u>.

Basic Style for Citations of Electronic Sources: Here are some common features you should try and find before citing electronic sources in MLA style. Not every Web page will provide all of the following information. However, collect as much of the following information as possible both for your citations and for your research notes:

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- Article name in quotation marks (if applicable)
- Title of the Website, project, or book in italics.
- Any version numbers available, including revisions, posting dates, volumes, or issue numbers.
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The Purdue OWL Family of Sites. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008. Web. 23 April 2008.

Felluga, Dino. *Guide to Literary and Critical Theory.* Purdue U, 28 Nov. 2003. Web. 10 May 2006.

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"How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow.com.* eHow, n.d. Web. 24 Feb. 2009.