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The Past is Present



# Rationale

- ❑ History is the study of what has been ... what has come before us.
- ❑ However, the people, places, and events that comprise our history, are still all around us. Everywhere we look today, we can see reminders of our past. In fact, in many ways, our past **is** our present.
- ❑ The following assignment is intended to heighten our awareness of this idea.

# Overview

- ❑ Each student will pick an object from our present world that is named after some thing or some one historic from America's past.
- ❑ The modern thing is called the **SUBJECT**. The historic thing it's named after is called the **ANTECEDENT**.
- ❑ Each student will create a small poster illustrating their subject and antecedent. The poster will then be shared with the class ... like show-and-tell.
- ❑ This assignment is worth 40 points.



# Overview

□ You will present on the following days...

	Mon. 8/29	Tue. 8/30	Wed. 8/31
Per. 2	A - F	G - O	P - W
Per. 3			
Per. 4	A - Hic	HiI - M	S - Z
Per. 5	D - J	K - Z	
Per. 6	A - K	M - S	T - Z



# Presentation

- ❑ When preparing the short oral presentation, all students should address the following questions:
- ❑ What is the subject that you have chosen?
- ❑ Where did you get your subject & information?
- ❑ What is the historic antecedent?
- ❑ Why is the antecedent important or notable in history?

# Visuals

- ❑ The poster that you share in class must include pictures of both the modern subject AND the historic antecedent.
- ❑ All pictures must be 8.5 x 11 or larger, and printed in color, or colored by you after printing.



# Subject Selection: Rule #1

- ❑ **NO HISTORIC ARTIFACTS.** Do not bring in an ancient arrowhead, or your grandfather's Purple Heart, or an old pair of wooden skis from World War II.



# Subject Selection: Rule #2

- No alcohol, drugs, or firearms references.





# Subject Selection: Rule #3

- ❑ NO COINS or CURRENCY.



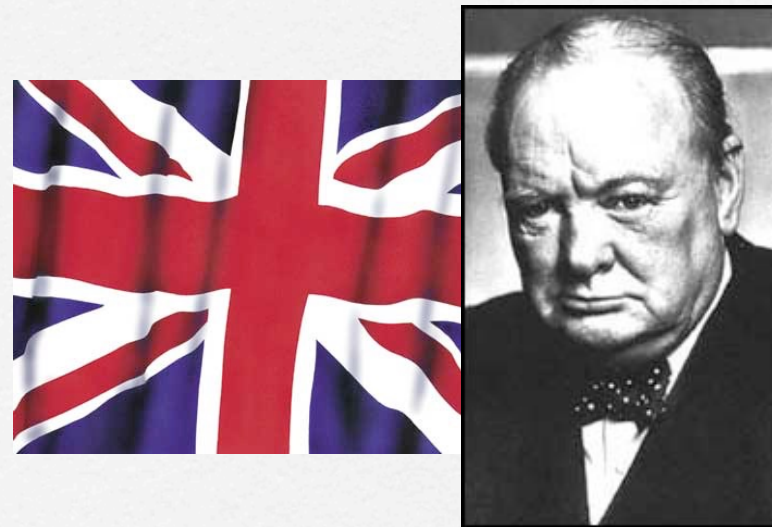


# Subject Selection: Rule #4

- Your subject's antecedent must relate to **American** history.



Churchill  
Insurance



Winston Churchill was  
prime-minister of **Great Britain**.



# Subject Selection: Rule #5

- ❑ Your antecedent must come from a specific time period, not just “America” in general.



New England is a large area of the U.S., and has been important during out **entire** history, not one specific era.



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Mayflower Shipping Company



The ship  
Mayflower  
existed for  
only 14  
years ... from  
1609 - 1623.



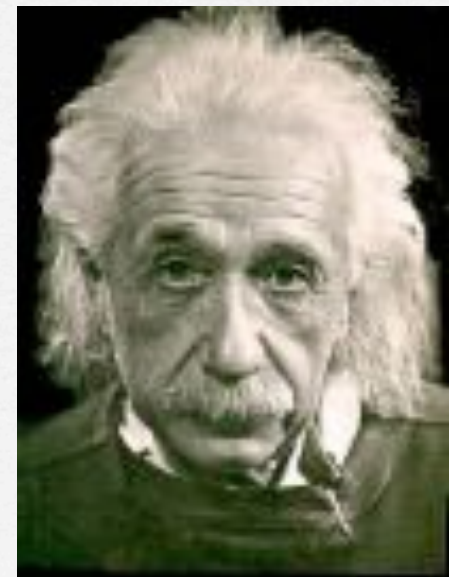


# Subject Selection: Rule #6

- There must be credible **proof** that your subject is related to the antecedent that your claim it is.



There is no evidence that the company was named after Albert Einstein. They just have the same name.



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There's a  
Quaker right  
there on the  
logo!



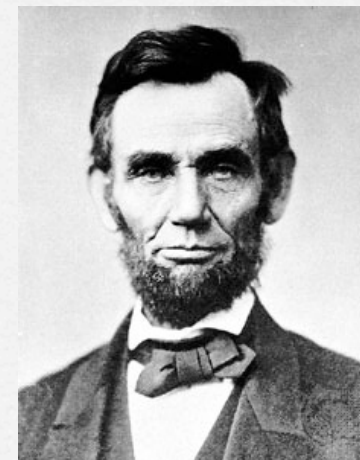


# Subject Selection: Rule #7

- ❑ No **biographical** subjects; ie., subjects that are about the antecedent.



the Lincoln Memorial



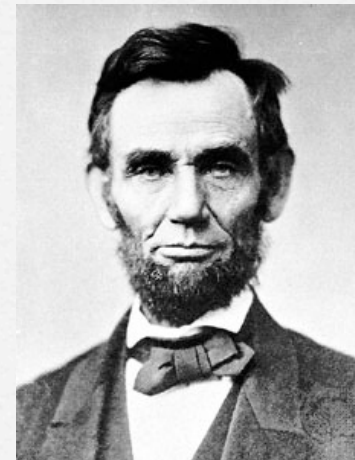
The memorial was built specifically to honor Lincoln. It exists **because** he existed.

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Honest Abe's Donuts



There is no direct connection between the two. The company just uses Lincoln's nickname.



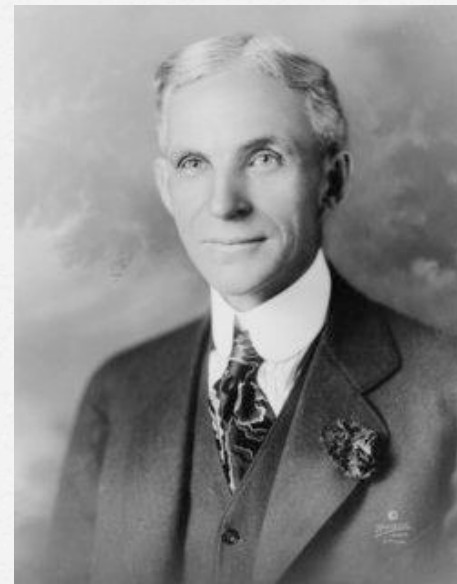
# Subject Selection: **Rule #7**

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# Subject Selection: Rule #8

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The company was founded **by** Henry Ford.

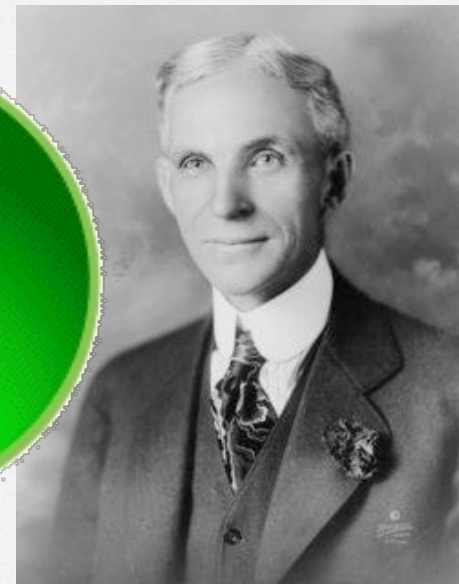


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Henry Ford Hospital



Ford didn't open the hospital.  
It is just named after him.

# Subject Selection

- ❑ As you can see, subjects can be many different kinds of things:
  - vehicles
  - tools & bladed weapons (no guns)
  - foods
  - toys & games
  - companies & businesses
  - sports teams
  - roads & towns, etc.



# Subject Selection

- ❑ To ensure that you pick a good subject, and to guarantee that no one steals someone else's subject, your subject must be approved by me **IN ADVANCE** either by...

- **talking to me directly** in class, OR by
- **submitting the online approval form**

... that is located on the **Past is Present** page in the **Projects** section of the **Assignment Bank** on [mrcushing.net](http://mrcushing.net).

# Subject Selection





# Your Mini-Poster

- You must use the 10" x 30" cardboard sheets that I have for the base of your mini-poster.



# Your Mini- Poster

**Subject:**  
**Minnesota Vikings**



**Antecedent:**  
**The Vikings**

**Poster Front**

## Poster Back

**John Smith**  
**Period 3**  
**American History**  
**Mr. Cushing**

**Sources:**

- <http://www.NFL.com>
- [wikipedia.com/Vikings](http://wikipedia.com/Vikings)





# Craftsmanship

- black & white pictures
- tape
- small or pixelated pictures



# Extra Credit

You can earn extra credit in TWO ways:

- ❑ By bringing in a **PHYSICAL PROP** representing your subject — a real football helmet or jersey, an actual toy, container of food, etc. — in addition to your poster.
- ❑ Be the **ONLY STUDENT** on the team to refer to your historic antecedent. Dig deep & think beyond the obvious!



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Questions ?

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**Class Info**

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**Class Supplies**