**APUSH Optional Extension Opportunity**

Your textbook, your in-class materials, and my lectures do not provide an exhaustive account of American history. Your task is to perform research related to an individual, event, or idea from the time period covered this semester that is not present in your textbook, in-class material, or my lectures, and provide an argument for its inclusion in our study of American history. For guidance consider such questions as: Why is the item you chose important in American history—is it a turning point, does it capture the zeitgeist of its time, or does it represent part of the history of a marginalized group? Why should this topic be taught, at the expense of other topics? What is its significance to and impact upon earlier and/or later events?

**You may present your argument in a paper or a Weebly web site.**

* Your paper or web site is due by **Thursday, Dec. 21, at 12:00 p.m. sharp.** Late submissions will not be awarded points
  + Please do not be the student who submits this even just one minute late! It will not be counted
* Both options are worth **up to 10 assessment points awarded back**
* Email or see me after class with specific questions or concerns

**General Requirements:**

* Your thesis statement should be obvious
* Chicago style footnotes and bibliography: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/>
  + For papers as well as web sites, place footnotes at the bottom of each page
  + See my example on the web site for guidance
* No use of “I” or “we,” just state everything as a fact, and don’t reference the fact you’re writing something. Being so forthright may feel odd; you will get used to it and be a better writer as a result
  + Example: Instead of “I think Deborah Sampson should be in our textbook,” just write “Deborah Sampson should be in the textbook.” You’re writing it—of *course* it is what you think—so avoid “I/we/you/our”
* Points are awarded for adherence to these requirements and quality of writing and argument
  + Please do not be the student who loses points for not following stylistic requirements
* Your paper or web site should be free of mechanical errors

***For paper:***

* Double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, 1” margins, 1000 words minimum in length (excluding bibliography and footnotes)
* Follow the style requirements listed here for cover page, page numbers, etc.: <https://www.ivcc.edu/stylebooks/stylebook5.aspx?id=14644>

***For Weebly site:***

* Your site must have four pages minimum, with one of those being a bibliography page
* Each page must have a minimum of three images, videos, songs, or other multimedia objects (as appropriate for your topic), excluding the bibliography page
* Minimum word count of 1000 (excluding bibliography and footnotes)

**See me for guidance at any time!**