People Who Changed the World

9th Grade Modern World History
Proficiency Task

"...some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." - Shakespeare

Throughout history, there have been many great thinkers and activists whose ideas may have been unpopular during their lives or opposed the majority for something they knew was ‘right’ or ‘just’. Some were just in the right place at the right time. Some may have accidentally changed the course of history...

We have learned about and discussed many people who have played a major role in shaping our world and history. You are to pick an individual that you believe had a significant effect on the world and the way history is taught and learned. After research, you will be responsible for 2 separate tasks:

1) Write a 3-4 page, MLA formatted paper explaining how the individual and their accomplishments/achievements affected the world.

2) Create a pictorial timeline showing dates and important events associated with this person.

Below are the requirements for each sections of the proficiency task:

**PAPER REQUIREMENTS:**
- 3-4 pages in length (double spaced)
- Font size 12 with 1 inch margins
- MINIMUM of 5 quotes with proper citations (MLA FORMAT)
- Complete and correctly formatted Works Cited page (AT LEAST 1 BOOK source)

**TIMELINE REQUIREMENTS:**
- Dates must be accurate (AT LEAST 10)
- Explanations of events must be typed, clear and thorough
- Picture must accompany every date and should be clearly connected to the event
- Timeline should be neat, creative, organized and well thought-out
HINTS AND TIPS:

❖ Paper should NOT be a biography. Limit biographical information to 1 paragraph. Paper should focus on how this individual CHANGED THE WORLD.

❖ Timeline should NOT end with individual’s death. You should show long-lasting effects of this person’s accomplishments.

Use the Rubrics for the paper and the timeline. The enclosed rubric will show the GSE’s as well as the elements required for demonstrating proficiency on this task.

KEY DATES:

Person chosen by: ________________________________

Outline organizer due: ________________________________

Final Project due: ________________________________