COLD WAR PROJECT TOPICS

1. Compile an annotated bibliography of 20 novels that have a theme related to the Cold War. There should be at least a four-sentence summary of the book.

2. Compile a list of songs that have the Cold War as a central portion of that song. The songs can pertain to any aspect of the Cold War. The list should be 20 songs long and should give a sentence or two summary of what the song is ‘discussing’. Songs about Vietnam are not allowed!

3. Compile a list of 20 movies that illustrate ideas or concepts from the Cold War. With each movie you will need to: indicate when the movie came out and give a three or four sentence summary of the movie.

4. Create a collection of Political Cartoons. For each cartoon have a copy of the cartoon, cite the source under the picture, and explain the cartoon in three or four sentences. You will need to find 10 (ten) cartoons. Choose one of the following themes to address:
   a. Korean War
   b. McCarthyism
   c. Arms Race
   d. Space Race
   e. Berlin Airlift
   f. Loyalty Review Board
   g. Cuban Missile Crisis
   h. Bay of Pigs Invasion
   i. The Rosenberg Case

5. Using the terms, places and concepts of the Cold war create a song/poem that shows understanding of a major theme within the Cold War.

6. Explore some aspect of the Cold War that we have not covered too much and dig into it more. Write a 1.5 – 2.0 page paper explaining the topic.

7. Find some personal accounts of life during the Cold War, both from the US and the USSR perspective and create a dialogue between the two to show what each side thought and feared.
8. Create a poster, paper or virtual, that shows what life was like for individuals living in Communist run countries during the Cold War.

9. Defend, or attack, the idea that the Cold War was actually a World War. Write a 1.5 – 2.0 page paper.

10. Create a graphic organizer that shows the relationship of the Cold War terms we have discussed in class. You must use at least 30 different terms and give a summary of how you arranged the major themes of the organizer.

11. Write a short story as a metaphor, allegory, parody, etc. of some Cold War idea, incident or outcome. The story should be two pages minimum.

12. Produce a timeline of the Cold War from 1945 up to the Cuban Missile Crisis. The timeline should have 25 important events, decisions, people. A two-sentence recap of each item should be included.

13. **Other ideas?**

**GRADING:**

- Have you followed the guidelines for your chosen topic?
- Does your work show insight into the Cold War?
- Was the work simply cut and pasted from websites?
- Original thoughts or insight provided?