**Introduction:**

A subculture is a world within the larger world of the dominant culture. Subcultures can form around any interest or activity. Each subculture has its own values and norms that its members share, giving them a common identity. Each also has special terms that its members use to communicate with one another. U.S. society contains thousands of subcultures. Some of us belong to several of these subcultures.

**Purpose**:

In this project, your group will conduct an in-depth study of a subculture and present your findings to the class in an oral/visual presentation.

**Requirements**:

* Each group will prepare a presentation that contains a visual component and an oral explanation of the material presented. Students could choose to make an I-Movie that contains images and narration, or students could prepare a Power Point presentation that they will give in front of the class.
* If Using I-Movie:
	+ The movie must be a minimum of 5 minutes long and can not exceed 10 minutes (This time limit excludes video clips)
	+ The movie must contain a minimum of 10 visual images. The relevance of the visual images must be explained in the movie.
	+ The movie must contain a video clip. The relevance of the video clip must be explained in the movie. The video clip should not exceed 3 minutes in length.
	+ The group must use a minimum of 5 credible sources. Sources should be cited at the end of the movie.
* If Using Power-Point:
	+ The presentation must be a minimum of 10 informational slides, which does not include the title slide, slides that only contain visual images, and the works cited slide.
	+ The oral component of the presentation must be a minimum of 5 minutes long and should not exceed 10 minutes. (This time limit excludes video clips)
	+ The presentation must contain a minimum of 10 visual images. The relevance of the visual images must be explained in the presentation.
	+ The presentation must contain a video clip. The relevance of the video clip must be explained in the presentation. The video clip should not exceed 3 minutes in length.
	+ The group must use a minimum of 5 credible sources. Sources should be cited at the end of the presentation.
* Groups must address the following topics:
	+ What is the origin of the subculture? (When, how, why, where, by whom did it form?)
	+ What is the purpose of the subculture?
	+ What are the elements of the subculture’s symbolic culture? (Include all elements listed)
		- Gestures
		- Language
		- Other Symbols (optional)
		- Values
		- Norms (Remember to link norms to values)
		- Sanctions
	+ What are the elements of the subculture’s material culture? (Include at least 3 elements)
		- Food
		- Clothing
		- Architecture
		- Art
		- Weapons
		- Tools
		- Technology
	+ Does this group qualify as a counterculture? Why or why not?
	+ What is the subculture currently concerned with?
	+ What, in your opinion, does the future hold for the subculture?
* Projects must be turned in to Mrs. Madison by 8:25 am on Tuesday, March 26.
* Groups will present on Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27

**Directions**:

1. Students will form groups of no more than 3 members.
2. Groups will select a subculture. Students will draw numbers to determine selection order.
3. Groups will have class time on Thursday, March 21, Friday, March 22, and Monday, March 25 to work on their projects.
4. Projects must be turned in by 8:25 am on Tuesday, March 26

**Grading**:

* Content – 15 points
	+ Group clearly addresses the topics listed in the requirements
* Oral Presentation – 10 points
	+ Group speaks clearly throughout presentation or movie
	+ Clearly demonstrates in-depth understanding of topic
* Visual Presentation – 10 points
	+ Is exceptionally visually attractive
	+ Is well-organized
	+ No spelling or grammatical errors
* Visual Images – 5 points
	+ Contains 10 visual images
	+ Clearly explains visual images and connects them to their topic
* Video Clip -5 points
	+ Contains a video clip that meets time requirement
	+ Clearly explains video clip and connects it to their topic
* Sources – 2.5 points
	+ Contains a minimum of 5 credible sources
	+ Cites sources
* Time Limit – 2.5 points
	+ Meets time limit

**List of Possible Subcultures:**

Religious Groups:

* Hasidic Jews
* Mormons
* Shaolin Temple
* The Vatican
* Zoroastrianism
* Dalits (Untouchables)

Hobbies and Sports:

* Rugby
* Bodybuilding
* Surfing
* Cricket
* Soccer
* Sumo
* Rodeo
* Lucha Libre
* Kabuki
* Roller Derby

Professions:

* Sherpas
* Marines
* KGB
* United Kingdom Special Forces

Cultural:

* Beatniks
* Hippies
* Sicilian Mafia
* Dalits (The Untouchables)
* Yakuza
* Irish Republican Army
* Hmong
* Al Qaeda
* Taliban
* Rastafarian
* Aborigine
* Quiverfull

Other

* Neo-Nazis
* Rude Boy
* Straight Edge
* Juggalo
* Tattooing