**Research Assignment**

We are investigating the concept of change and how it is evident throughout history. In order to narrow our focus, we are going to look specifically at Tennessee’s History and trace how Tennessee developed into what it is today, and how the concept of change drove that development.

Research is done **with purpose** to fulfill a task, find a solution, and answer questions. So, we need a big question to drive our search for information. When we are able to answer the big research question, that is how we know our we found the correct information and that our research is successful.

**Big Research Questions:**

1. **What change(s) are most important to understanding this segment of Tennessee History?**
2. **How do these changes reinforce our generalizations about change?**

Task:

* Learn all about your topic!!
* Takes notes on the form provided and be prepared to share your information with the whole class.
* Be prepared to listen to, learn from, and talk about your classmates’ presentations.

Standards being assessed:

* Social Studies: 5.26 through 5.39
* ELA: 5.RI.KID.1, 5.RI.KID.3, 5.RI.KID.2, 5.RI.CS.4, 5.RI.CS.6, 5.SL.CC.1, 5.SL.PKI.4

All grades to be taken & recorded in Social Studies class

Grades taken on this assignment:

* Research grade
* Presentation grade
* Listening grade (as you listen to you classmates’ presentations)
* Final Assessment over all material covered in class.

**Topic Assignment Sheet**

**Topic:** Cumberland Settlements

Standard 5.29 and 5.31

**Big Research Question**: What changes are most important to understanding this piece of Tennessee History? How do these changes prove that change generates additional change?

**Research sub-questions**:

1. What was the Proclamation of 1763? Who proclaimed it? What did it say? What changed because of it?
2. How did the Cumberland Gap influence migration into the Tennessee Region after the Proclamation of 1763?
3. How did the Wilderness Road influence migration into the Tennessee Region after the Proclamation of 1763?
4. Describe the founding of the Cumberland settlements and the obstacles they faced when founding them.
5. What happened at the Battle of the Bluffs and why was it important?
6. Who was John Donelson and how did he impact this history?
7. Who was James Robertson and how did he impact this history?
8. Why does any or all of this matter to Tennessee History?

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