**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:** Tennessee becomes a state

Standard 5.34 and 5.35

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

**Research sub-questions**:

1. Locate the “Territory South of the Ohio River.”
2. Who were its leaders?
3. Explain how this territory was Tennessee’s first step to statehood
4. Describe the following steps Tennessee took to become a state.
5. What was the population requirement and how were the people counted?
6. Who were considered citizens of Tennessee?
7. Who voted to become a state and how was the vote conducted? (hint: “vote by citizens”)
8. Who created the state constitution?
9. How when did Congress approve Tennessee’s application for statehood?
10. Why does any or all of this matter to Tennessee History?

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