

Turning Points in American History

The Beatles: A New Era in Music

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In order to make a wise choice of a topic to go on the group members had to have in mind that the topic had to be able to very strongly support the theme. One being that the topic was very broad, meaning that it had to be able to provide a meaningful number of sources and facts, along with its popularity. The popularity played a large roll when the group was deciding, since the point of view of a spectator and their knowledge on the topic can affect it either negatively or positively; not knowing about something can bring attention or make someone lose interest.

The research of the topic consisted of finding how The Beatles and their music had changed a point of history, what events led to this, where it took place, and when did it happen, or if it is still going on today. Questions like these were used to act as a mindset of what exactly the group was trying to express to the audience. Using databases such as *World Book Online* and *Brittanica* were good starters for the members in order to get a broad picture of who and what exactly The Beatles were. The members then moved on to other websites, such as the actual website made to support the band, *thebeatles.com*, and peer-reviewed websites such as *PBS.org* and *History.com*.

Between the three presentation categories (paper, documentary, and website) the research group was able to choose from, the group chose a category that will be most attainable based on the amount of time and information they believed was able to be put throughout the presentation. Falling under these circumstances, the group decided to create a website for their History Fair project. In opinion, the website can be easily viewed and altered by both of the members of the group when necessary, and the website was determined to have enough room necessary to include sufficient information and sources to have a completed point of view of the topic.

The topic chosen, The Beatles: A New Era In Music, was selected to fit into this year's History Fair theme, Turning Points in History. The Beatles were one of the greatest musicians of all time, being mentioned all over the world. Their great effects changed the way many view music in modern time, causing both negative and positive impacts, these impacts being some of the most significant impacts in history. It was decided that what The Beatles achieved throughout their career as a group of musicians was broad enough to conduct research and form strong opinions based on the research collected. These opinions, whether formed recently or not, are able to lead to a turning point in the views of a majority in a certain topic.