

Podcast Assignment: The French and Indian War (1754-1763)

Overview:

You and a partner will collaborate on a podcast episode focused on the **French and Indian War**. You will have **two weeks** to complete this assignment, including research, recording, and editing your podcast. Choose one of the following options for your podcast episode.

Podcast Assignment Options:

1. Debate Podcast: British vs. French Strategies

- **Objective:** Debate the military strategies of the British and the French during the war.
 - **Roles:** One student represents the British, the other represents the French.
 - **Key Points to Discuss:**
 - Military tactics and use of alliances with Native American tribes.
 - Key battles that illustrate the strengths and weaknesses of each side's strategies.
 - How the strategies impacted the outcome of the war.
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2. Historical Figures Interview Podcast

- **Objective:** Create a podcast where one student interviews a key historical figure from the war.
 - **Roles:** One student plays the interviewer, the other plays a historical figure (e.g., George Washington, General Braddock, or Chief Pontiac).
 - **Key Points to Discuss:**
 - The figure's experiences, decisions, and role in key events.
 - Their perspective on the French and Indian War and its outcomes.
 - How they view the war's impact on their nation or colony.
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3. Podcast on Indigenous Alliances

- **Objective:** Discuss the role of Native American alliances during the war.
 - **Roles:** Each student represents a different Native American tribe or perspective.
 - **Key Points to Discuss:**
 - How different tribes aligned with the French or British.
 - The impact of alliances on the war and the future of Indigenous tribes.
 - How Indigenous strategies influenced the course of the conflict.
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4. Podcast on Key Battles

- **Objective:** Analyze one of the significant battles of the war (e.g., Fort Necessity, the Battle of Quebec).
 - **Roles:** Both students work together to research and discuss the battle.
 - **Key Points to Discuss:**
 - The causes and lead-up to the battle.
 - Strategies used by both sides and how the battle unfolded.
 - The battle's significance in the overall outcome of the war.
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5. Treaty of Paris Analysis Podcast

- **Objective:** Discuss the **Treaty of Paris (1763)** and its effects on the outcome of the war.
 - **Roles:** One student takes the British perspective, the other the French perspective.
 - **Key Points to Discuss:**
 - Territorial and political consequences of the treaty.
 - How the treaty affected future relations between Britain and the American colonies.
 - Long-term impact of the treaty on North America.
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6. Colonial and British Relations Podcast

- **Objective:** Explore how the war impacted the relationship between the American colonies and Britain.
 - **Roles:** One student takes the British perspective, the other the colonial perspective.
 - **Key Points to Discuss:**
 - How the war influenced British policies like taxation and governance.
 - How colonial dissatisfaction began to grow after the war.
 - The connection between the French and Indian War and the American Revolution.
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7. Daily Life During the War Podcast

- **Objective:** Discuss how daily life was affected during the French and Indian War.
- **Roles:** One student represents a British colonist, the other a French settler.
- **Key Points to Discuss:**
 - The impact of the war on trade, family life, and the economy.
 - How civilians dealt with the challenges of living in a war zone.
 - Cultural and social differences between British and French colonial life.

Assignment Details:

- **Partner Selection:** You are responsible for finding a partner to collaborate with.
- **Due Date:** Your final podcast episode is due in **two weeks**.
- **Length:** The podcast should be **5-10 minutes long**.
- **Format:** Record your podcast using **Soundtrap** and include background music if appropriate.
- **Submission:** Submit your final podcast file and a transcript to the Podcasting **Team in the Posts**.

Things to Include in Your Podcast:

- Introduction of the topic and why it's important to understanding the French and Indian War.
- Clear roles for each student with engaging dialogue.
- Accurate historical facts with proper research and context.
- Creative elements (e.g., sound effects, music) to enhance the storytelling.

Grading Criteria:

- **Content Accuracy (30%):** Are the facts presented correctly, and is there a deep understanding of the topic?
 - **Collaboration (20%):** Did both partners contribute equally to the project?
 - **Creativity and Engagement (20%):** Is the podcast engaging, creative, and well-structured?
 - **Clarity and Quality (20%):** Is the audio clear, and is the podcast well-organized?
 - **Transcript (10%):** Is a clear, written transcript submitted along with the audio file?
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Next Steps:

1. **Choose a partner** and decide which podcast topic you will work on.
2. Research your topic and gather the facts, points, and perspectives you'll discuss.
3. Write an outline or script for your podcast to help guide your conversation.
4. Record, edit, and submit your podcast and transcript by the deadline.

If you have any questions or need help getting started, feel free to reach out to me!