Project Description

Primary Objectives:
1. The team will use the Internet and resources provided to research American culture and art during the Great Depression.
2. The team will interpret and derive conclusions based on their findings and develop main issues or "talking points" for their assigned topic.
3. The team will develop this synthesized material and content into a PowerPoint or HyperStudio presentation with a fully developed script.
4. The team will deliver their presentations to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Your job for the next 5 days is to work as part of a diverse team of professionals that develops web-based resources for the educational community.

We are in the process of submitting an application for a multi-million dollar grant from one of the wealthiest foundations in the region. The foundation's mission is to support web-based resources exploring the culture and art in American history.

If we get his grant, we will all benefit professionally and financially along with securing our jobs for the near future. It is an extremely competitive grant, so our best work must be reflected in our final projects. We must keep in mind how we can keep our competitive edge over the other organizations applying for funding. What are we going to do, say, or prepare that the other organizations may have not thought about, thus making us look better?

Wesley Peterson, the director and founder of our organization, has asked the team to fully develop each of the areas of research and visually present the information to the Foundation's Board of Trustees by the end of the week. As part of the grant proposal, the finance team has already calculated the budget including all the necessary staff time, resources, and equipment needed to successfully implement and carry out the project if the grant is awarded. The director of administration has all the grant language developed, and with the budget, we are lacking in the most critical aspect: the research and interpretation of the content to support our premise or project objective. That project objective is proving through research that the Great Depression was rich with American culture and art. Although it was during one of the most difficult times in American history for the common citizen, the struggle for meeting basic needs produced significant advances and achievements in American's cultural community.

Each group will present your individual projects in front of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Although each group is working on a different aspect or theme, the quality of each project will collectively decide if our organization or whole team will be awarded the project. Therefore, the success of each team's presentation is crucial if we expect our organization to be awarded the project.

As required by Mr. Peterson, you will need to keep a log of your time spent on the project specifically detailing your activities as part of the team. Please see the Time Keeper handout and guide as part of your package. Please begin immediately and do your best!