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***The Great Gatsby* Visual Essay**

**Goal:** In reading the novel *The Great Gatsby*, you will study the connection of the characters to music used in the modern rendition of the film “The Great Gatsby.” The goal of this project is to compare and contrast one of the characters to the message conveyed in a song used to express the emotions of the film.

**What is a Visual Essay?** For the purpose of this assignment, you will incorporate visuals and text to support a thesis statement.

Requirements for the Text

* Include a thesis statement. (Ex. “Jay Gatsby continues to fight for his dream despite the obstacles.”) WHEN YOU THINK YOU HAVE COME UP WITH A THESIS, YOU MUST COME CHECK IT WITH ME.
* Include three arguments (topic statements) that support you thesis.
* Include four direct quotes (in MLA format) to support **each** argument (topic sentence).
  + 2 quotes about ONE of the songs
  + 2 quotes from *The Great Gatsby*
* Include a complete Works Cited for all quotes and visuals.

Requirements for the Visuals

* The visuals are used to help bring meaning or support to the arguments.
* Include at least six visuals that support the arguments.
* Do NOT use a collage of pictures that have no connection to the arguments. All visuals must be large, clear, and school appropriate.
* You many use visuals that have more of a symbolic/metaphorical meaning.

Requirements for “Presentation”

* You may use Prezi or PowerPoint.
* If you choose to use Prezi, go to prezi.com and sign up for a free public account. When done creating your Prezi, click the “share” tab and type in my email: nberti@williams.k12.ca.us
* If you choose to use PowerPoint, you will need to attach the ppt and email it to me.

**Getting Started:**

Brainstorm

* Consider the essential questions:
  + What comparisons can be drawn from the internal/external conflicts of the characters to the song?
  + What lyric represent the characteristics of the Daisy, Gatsby, etc?
  + Are there lyrics that parallel ideology of the characters?
  + Is there a parallel between the themes, overall plot, love or expectations?

Drafting

* Start with an outline (thesis statement, arguments-topic sentences, quotes)
* What images would represent or support your ideas?

Revising

* Would your draft hold up if you had to write a traditional essay?

**Word of Warning:** While a Visual Essay is different from a tradition written essay, it is similar in that you must organize your thoughts and get your point across to the viewer (reader). Remember to think, plan, re-plan, organize, and execute for success!

**Setting Up Your Prezi or PowerPoint**

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| Slide 1:  Name  Date  *The Great Gatsby*  Original Title by you!  (opening slide picture) | Slide 2:  Thesis statement  (Picture optional) | Slide 3:  Argument #1  (Picture optional) | Slide 4:  2 direct quotes supporting Argument #1  *Choose from:*  *2 from the song*  ***OR***  *1 from the song & 1 from The Great Gatsby*  (*At least* one picture to enhance or expand on your quotes) |
| Slide 5:  2 direct quotes supporting Argument #1  *Choose from:*  *2 from The Great Gatsby*  ***OR***  *1 from the song & 1 from The Great Gatsby*  (*At least* one picture to enhance or expand on your quotes) | Slide 6:  Argument #2  (Picture optional) | Slide 7:  2 direct quotes supporting Argument #2  *Choose from:*  *2 from the song*  ***OR***  *1 from the song & 1 from The Great Gatsby*  (*At least* one picture to enhance or expand on your quotes) | Slide 8:  2 direct quotes supporting Argument #2  *Choose from:*  *2 from The Great Gatsby*  ***OR***  *1 from the song & 1 from The Great Gatsby*  (*At least* one picture to enhance or expand on your quotes) |
| Slide 9:  Argument #3  (Picture optional) | Slide 10:  2 direct quotes supporting Argument #3  *Choose from:*  *2 from the song*  ***OR***  *1 from the song & 1 from The Great Gatsby*  (*At least* one picture to enhance or expand on your quotes) | Slide 11:  2 direct quotes supporting Argument #3  *Choose from:*  *2 from The Great Gatsby*  ***OR***  *1 from the song & 1 from The Great Gatsby*  (*At least* one picture to enhance or expand on your quotes) | Slide 12:  Works Cited Page  (in MLA format!) |