

Topic Ideas for Final Projects

Dakota Uprising 1862 - The largest mass execution in America's history

The "Poison Squad" - Early FDA scientists who tested potentially harmful chemicals on themselves

The Battle of Blair Mountain - The largest armed insurrection in American history outside of the Civil War

William Marston, Psychologist, Harvard professor, inventor of the lie detector, creator of Wonder Woman

Project MK Ultra - CIA testing of Chemical weapons on US cities, drugs like LSD on individuals, and attempts at mind control and ESP.

Unit 731 - Japan's WWII Biological Weapons lab in China which conducted unethical human experiments

U2 Spy Plane incident - Gary Powers US spy plane shot down over the USSR in the 1950's

Cults like the Manson Family or Jim Jones church and their presence in American popular culture

Fillibusterers like William Walker - Southerners who tried to take over Caribbean or Latin American countries to make new slave states

The "First Thanksgiving," in St. Augustine FL - Hidden history of the American holiday

American Indian Movement takeover of the Department of the Interior in Washington DC, Alcatraz Island, and the town of Wounded Knee in the late 1960's and early 1970's

Sybil Luddington, the midnight rider to warn colonists "The British are Coming" that was more successful than Paul Revere

The Massacre at Mystic - Where Puritan Colonists and Mowhawk allies nearly eradicated the Pequot in one of America's first acts of genocide

Sundown Towns - Towns across American that forbade African Americans from being within town limits after dark

Any of the various independent states formed in American history -

- District of Washington in western NC which declared independence from Britain a year before the Declaration

- Free State of Jones which seceded from the Confederacy and declared a racially equal free state in Mississippi

- Free State of Van Zandt in Texas which declared independence from Texas and the US after the Civil War