President John F. Kennedy Research Paper

This year marks the 50th anniversary of assassination of President Kennedy. This was a huge milestone in the past half century as it affected many aspects of American life. President Kennedy and his family have been a huge influence and icons in our country since the early 1960's. Although you weren't born when this happened, it doesn't mean it is not relevant to our world today.

In class we are going to be exploring several articles about JFK and what role he played for our country (we may even get to watch a few news clips). You are then going to write a brief research paper based on the information you have gathered in class. For your paper, you are going to use multiple, cited quotes from at least two sources to support and ideas and explanations. You may also research a bit on your own, but make sure you record the sources and make sure they are reliable.

Since President Kennedy is such a large topic, you may choose one of the topics below to write about. If you have a different topic idea, please discuss it with me before you begin to research.

1. President Kennedy's role in the civil rights movement
2. President Kennedy's role in the fight against communism
3. Is he an iconic President because of his assassination or because of the good work he did
4. Was the assassination of Kennedy a conspiracy
5. The influence of Jackie Kennedy during the President's term

You will need to bring in your brainstorming for a teacher conference on Monday, December 9th. Your brainstorming must have your ideas for your topic written and the quotes you plan on using as support in an organized manner with a complete thesis statement.

Your essay should be at least 5 paragraphs in length (although many of you will want to write more) and will be graded using the essay rubric from earlier this year. You may either submit a hard copy or through Google Docs. Your essay is due on Monday, December 16th. If you would like for me to review your essay before you submit a final copy, please let me know and bring a copy with you to class.

"My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."