

Adolescent Socialization Project

For this project you will be working with a partner to create a presentation that describes the teenager in our society. Below is a general description of what your project should contain, but you are free to go in any direction you feel under each category.

Section 1 – Defining Teens in America

- What exactly is an American teenager?
- How are teens socialized differently than other subgroups in our culture?
 - Agents of socialization and their effects on teens
 - Various roles and status that teens fill and define
 - Influences, struggles, etc. unique to teens
 - Cultural traits, patterns that are unique to teen life

Section 2 – Dating and Relationships

- What are the characteristics of American teenage dating in 2011?
 - How have these changed/stayed the same from the past?
 - What are the functions of dating in America?
- How are teenage relationships in general defined in our culture?
 - Different/similar to relationships of other age groups/subgroups?
 - What effect do these relationships have on teen socialization/development?

Section 3 – Challenges and Social Control

- What challenges, struggles, stressors, etc. are experienced by teens in America?
 - How have these changed/stayed the same over time?
- What are the social control methods teens use within their subculture?
 - Norms, values, sanctions (formal and informal), etc.
 - What types of behaviors are more/less excepted in teen culture compared to adults?

Section 4 – Works cited

- MLA format...there are several “automatic” citation tools on the web

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- ✓ For your presentation, you should include slides/info that are:
 - Well written and free of grammar/spelling mistakes
 - Concise, not too much on any one slide
 - Visually appealing – include some pictures/charts/design that make the presentation LOOK good
 - ✓ You can have anywhere from 6-15 slides/sections (a couple more if you REALLY need them)
 - ✓ You will have today and tomorrow in class to work on the project.
 - ✓ You can use internet resources, Gale, your textbook (prob. Chapter 6 – maybe 7)...you need to **CITE EACH RESOURCE ON A FINAL BIBLIOGRAPHY**
 - ✓ All projects are to be turned in through DIGITAL DROPBOX on Blackboard.

Have fun and be creative!