**Family portrayal in the media – summative presentation**

**As we know, what is presented in the media is a reflection of our society. Television shows are an excellent example of this. If you were new to our society (North American society) and knew nothing about the family, the roles within a family, the dynamic of what makes up a family, the lessons and morals that get passed through the family etc. you could get much of what you needed to know by simply watching television.**

**If you took the time and did some actual research, you would see that that the portrayal of the family on television is fairly accurate, sometimes “ahead” of its time; sometimes a reflection of or reaction to it.**

**This is your assignment. You may work with a partner or solo.**

* As a starting place, read the accompanying article.
* From here, choose 2 decades other than our current one.
* Research briefly the two decades. What was happening in society, in the law, etc that had an impact on the family and family life? How is family “defined”? What roles are played according to gender? Are their moral codes existing that impact parenting? Childhood? Youth?
* Find a family sitcom (or drama if you wish) for each decade, look at it closely. Is what you’ve learned in the research presented in the show?

EXAMPLE using *Modern Family*: gay marriage is now, in 2015, legal in many places in North America and so Cam and Mitch’s relationship and even their wedding is dealt with overtly*;* it is much more socially acceptable now for a parent to be “friendly” with his/her children which is clearly seen in the relationship between Phil and his children – he even says he’s the “cool dad”; recent studies (PEEL) have reported that men, in a second marriage, tend to marry women at least 10 years younger – this is seen in the marriage of Jay and Gloria where Gloria is much younger than Jay ).

You will then PRESENT your findings to the class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You must show a short clip (30-45 secs) of each show and walk us through how/if/where your research exists in the show.

At the end of your presentation, answer the question:- Is TV a reaction to society, a causation of things to change, or a combination of both?

YOUR PRESENTATION IS TO BE A MAX OF 5MIN, SHARING THE TALK TIME EQUALLY BETWEEN PARTNERS. CONTENT AS WELL AS ORAL MARKS WILL BE GIVEN; RUBRIC TO FOLLOW.

YOU MUST BE TOTALLY ORGANIZED AS OUR TIME FOR ALL OF THESE WILL BE TIGHT.

You have been asked to collect “data” (information) and report back to your alternate universe home on the evolution of family life on earth. You must cover a min. of 3 decades between the 1950s and 2010s. You MUST include information as current as possible so that fellow beings know what to expect regarding the NOW of family life.

You are to present the following information:

* What defines a family?
* Who lives inside of a family?
* What roles do each of these beings play within the family?
* What lessons get passed through a family and how?
* \*\*\*\*Has any of this changed over time? Has any of it stayed the same? What has caused these changes or allowed for the lack of change? Are these changes/lack of changes good or bad?

In order to present these ideas, you must have proof. This proof comes in showing examples. You MUST show us (your fellow alternate universe beings) a min of 2 brief examples to back up your thoughts. YOU MUST BE SUPER ORGANIZED AS AT 6MIN YOU WILL BE STOPPED.

You max 6min for this presentation. Presentations will take place Thursday and Friday of this week. Monday will be used if needed.