

Protest Dance Research Project

Your name: _____

Name of people in your group: _____

Protest Topic to Research: _____

Type of Dance to Research: _____

You and your small group will create a slideshow project researching one of the following topics and protest dances: #1 Slavery and Cakewalk Dance #2 Native American Sovereignty and Ghost Dance #3 Peace in Palestine and Dabke Dance #4 Apartheid in South Africa and Toyi-Toyi #5 Iranian Women's Rights and Calm Down Dance #6 Black Lives Matter and the Electric Slide (You will research the history of the issue/topic and answer these questions:

- Where is this topic an issue? Include a map of the places where this is an issue and where the protests about this issue originated.
- Who made this topic an important issue?
- Who does this issue impact?

You will also research and answer these questions about the protest dance:

- Where did this dance originate from? Include a map of the place where the dance originated.
- When was this dance created?
- Who created this type of dance?
- What type of music or chant is used with this dance?
- What culture does this dance represent?
- How, who or what did this dance protest?
- How was this protest dance advertised or spread to others? (For example, tv, shows, social media, etc.)
- What happened to people who engaged in this protest dance?
- Were any of the people who did this dance punished in any way?
- How many other people were inspired to engage in this protest dance?
- Did this dance help bring more awareness to this issue? If so, how?

Create Your Own Protest Dance

You and your group will create a dance that highlights any of these current issues: climate change, gun violence, domestic violence, war, bullying, eating disorders, mental health issues, healthcare, poverty, housing access or another current issue or topic you choose that needs attention.

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Name of people in your group: _____

Protest Topic Chosen: _____

- Why did your team choose this topic?
- Who does this topic impact the most?
- How many people does this topic impact?
- What geographical region is this topic the most important to?

Type of Dance You Are Choosing to Create: _____

- What style of dance is this? (Hip hop, ballet, jazz, bomba, salsa, reggae?)
- Where does this style of dance originate from? What geographical area?
- What culture is this style of dance associated with?
- How will you advertise or spread awareness about this issue through this dance? (eg. Social media platform, tv, internet?)