



Everything Old is New Again

Peer Pressure in the Past, Present and Future

Peer pressure is not something new – it's been around as long as humans have grouped together for survival. Voltaire, a 17th century essayist and philosopher said, "Our wretched species is so made that those who walk on the well-trodden path always throw stones at those who are showing a new road." More recently Mobb Deep sung, "The pressure...(you gotta find a way to deal with) dealin with the peer pressure." In four hundred years, not much has changed but the wigs!

In this project, you need to research the topic of peer pressure from the perspective of what it was in the past, how it manifests itself in the present and what it will look like in the future. First you will need to do some research. You may design the end result however you wish but it should incorporate both text and graphics (pictures, video etc). Yes, you may work with a partner, but both people will receive the same grade, regardless of effort.

Process:

1. **Interview** at least 5 people of different ages and experiences about peer pressure
AND take **notes**:
 - a) Suggested interview questions:
 - Briefly describe the last time you felt pressure from your friends or other group to do something you weren't sure you wanted to do.
 - Did you give in to that pressure or hold out?
 - What was the result?
 - What could you do differently if such a situation came up again?
 - Is peer pressure always obvious? When is it subtle?
2. **Collect** other information:
 - a) Quotations
 - b) Pictures
 - c) Lyrics
 - d) Research – articles, websites, books
 - e) Etc.
3. **Organize** your research neatly. You will need to turn this in!
4. **Design** a way to present your research
 - a) Possibilities:
 - a scrapbook/photo album
 - a large poster
 - a PowerPoint presentation
 - a 60 second video public announcement
 - a tri-fold brochure

- other? Check with me first, but most ideas will work

5. **Type** a bibliography for any information you paraphrase or quote in your project

Assessment:

- Research – 50 points
 - interviews, notes, research organized in a logical manner
 - enough information which reflection serious research and consideration
- Presentation – 50 points
 - includes all three perspectives (past, present, future)
 - organization is easy to follow
 - interesting, neat and attractive
 - content is correct and cited properly

Due Date: Monday, November 27th

