

Concept Cube

You will design a cube showing the relationships between cause and effect related to a specific topic. The work should be done well, be colorful and interesting, and should use a carefully chosen set of images, graphs, songs, selections from speeches, pictures, etc., to present your time period and/or topic.

Instructions

1. The first thing you need to do is to pick a topic. One side of the cube will be a "title" side and this will contain the topic. Your topic should be a major event in U. S. History that we've covered this term.
2. The next thing you need to do is to think back to five important "causes" of your topic event. Try to avoid the obvious and make certain that those significant events actually were "causes" of the event you are highlighting. For instance, if you chose an event like the Boston Tea Party, what five things led up to that event? Another way of looking at this is to pick a topic event and then pose yourself the question: This event would never occurred unless what five things had happened first?
3. Having picked your title event, rank the five significant "causes" in order from least to most important.
4. Get an regular sized piece of poster paper. You do not have to use white. Use the directions below to measure out the pattern on the poster.
5. It is a good idea to sketch out how you plan to proceed before you go hunting your materials.
6. Start with your title side and think of an artful way of depicting it. Then move down your list to the most significant cause, the next most significant cause, etc., until you have planned out how you are going to represent each of these "faces" of the cube.
7. Whatever you do, you **cannot** just write words on the sides of the cube; you must use graphs, pictures, song lyrics, political cartoons, etc. And remember color, creativity, neatness all count.
8. **IMPORTANT:** You must provide a write-up to accompany your cube that discusses in detail the importance/impact of your topic to the era or event. Describe each aspect and it's relation to the overall event.

