

MODERN AMERICA STORYBIRD JIGSAW STORIES

Go to storybird.com.

Create a STUDENT account.

CLASS ACCESS CODE: X6N3S

**Only one group member need create an account right now.*

***Do not create more than one story under this assignment.** Our class has a limit amount of stories that can be created, and we will run out of space.

Your task is to create a **story** with your group about your assigned topic.

1. Your first step is to choose a selection of artwork for which you will illustrate your topic. Preview the featured art before you begin to make your storybook. Once you choose your artwork, you will not be able to use the art selection of any other artist. I suggest you begin brainstorming how to use the images before choose a selection of artwork. Use analogies and play on words to cleverly connect your story to the images!
2. Next begin creating storyboards to “tell the story” of a topic in recent American history.



TOPICS:

1. Reaganomics
(discuss the economics and the ascendancy of conservatism)
2. Reagan & the Cold War
(discuss the arms race under Reagan as well as diplomacy efforts with Gorbachev)
3. End of the Cold War
(discuss the symbolic and literal partition falling; "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.")
4. Iran-Contra
(discuss what happened and the legacy of the scandal)
5. Clinton's Presidency
(discuss his policies and initiatives as well as his personal scandals)
6. Fear of Terrorism and Terrorist Attacks
(explain how ideas of terrorism after attacks in the late 1990s/ early 2000s)
6. Y2K
(discuss advances in technology and communication, research: Why were people afraid of the "Y2K bug?")
7. Recession in 2008-2012
(discuss the housing bubble and how it caused the recession as well as the effects)
8. The "Graying" of America
(discuss the demographic shift, the Baby Boomers, advances in health care, statistics for future decades)

3. Once you complete your story, publish your story so, it can be viewed by your classmates.

*** Alternative: You may create a FlipSnack to make an interactive digital flipbook, if you choose not to use storybird. Create an flipsnackedu.com account with Ms. Smathers to gain access to our class, if you would like to complete your project this way.**

4. When you have completed your story, make sure your link is “sharable” and share your link to the following Padlet: <http://padlet.com/rachelsmathers/wxbqbrzjn94n> (linked on the blog.) Make sure the title you put on the Padlet is your topic, NOT your story title. **Group alike topics together on the Padlet.** For example: Reaganomics stories posted next to one another, Y2K posted next to one another, etc.

If you do not finish your Storybird in class, you must complete this assignment at home.

- Whoever saved the Storybird: Look at the “Your Stuff” section, there is a small grey gear icon in the bottom right. Click on that and click “Invite Collaborator.”
- You will be able to enter an email address to invite your partner to work on it for homework.
- If you have already published your Storybird, use the same icon at the bottom right to make a copy. You will be able to invite a collaborator to the copy, and then publish the final draft.