

Fo' Shism My Brism

What does the suffix *ism* mean? As a group, discuss what you believe it means based on your prior knowledge of words in your vocabulary that contain that suffix. Then, choose one of the following words to focus on as a group: Individualism, Collectivism, Nationalism, Egoism, Altruism. Once your group has determined which word you will focus on, you need to complete the following tasks:

1. Create a poster that contains three images from modern society that connect to your term. Be prepared to discuss the connections, in detail, for each item.
2. Choose three songs from your iPod (or other "not-as-cool" music-listening device) whose lyrics connect to your term. Be prepared to not only play a segment of the song, but discuss *how* it connects to your term too. Do NOT purchase a new song just for this project! I am sure that NONE of you have *We Are The World* on your iPods.
3. Find three quotes from famous politicians, religious figures, celebrities, sports figures, or other random dead people that connect to your term. Once again, be prepared to discuss the connections.
4. Create a "photo essay" that illustrates the meaning of your term in a typical, five-paragraph style. The photos can be taken with a digital camera or a phone, and should follow these guidelines:
 - a. 2-3 photos that illustrate the overall meaning of your term (*The United States*).
 - b. Three sections of 2-3 photos each that illustrate individual components of your term (*Freedom of expression, freedom of religion, freedom of choice*).
 - c. One final photo that includes all of your group mates, AND sends the viewer away with a lasting image related to your term (*The melting pot*).

You will have two class days to prepare the information, and two days to present the information. Share emails, cell phone numbers, Social Security numbers, or any other means of connecting with your group mates, as the time-honored excuse of "My partner is not here!" will not fly!