Warren Commission Assignment

***Background:*** For this assignment you will be recreating the role of the Warren Commission. The Warren Commission was a group of politicians assembled to investigate the shooting of President John F. Kennedy. When finished the Commission released the Warren Report, which is the government’s official version of the events that occurred on November 22nd 1963.

***Assignment:*** Your group is responsible for researching the events surrounding the Kennedy Assassination on November 22nd 1963. You will be responsible for determining who killed President Kennedy. As a group you will turn in a two page typed summary of your findings and present your findings to the rest of the class.

***Research:*** The first step is to research the events of the Kennedy Assassination. To make a proper determination of who actually killed the President you need to take into account all of the details surrounding the assassination. Because this is a large topic you should divide your research between your group. Some possible points of division are

Location Witnesses

Number of gunshots Exit and Entry Wounds

Medical Records Timing

Suspects Location of the shooter

Police records Zapruder film

***Debate:*** Once your group has gotten an idea of all of the facts of the case you need to come up with a verdict. Things you need to discuss are who shot the president, how many shots were fired at the president, where did the shots come from, how many shooters were there, and did the assassin or assassins work alone or did they have help. If your group cannot decide on a single theory then vote and go with the theory of the majority.

***Paper:*** After your group has reached a conclusion you will need to write a minimum two page paper that voices your findings. Questions you must answer in the paper are who shot the president, how many shots were fired at the president, where did the shots come from, how many shooters were there, did the assassin or assassins work alone or did they have help, and what is your ultimate conclusion on the Kennedy Assassination. Papers need to be written in MLA format. Papers must also include a works cited page. This should also include any resources used for the presentation.

***Presentation:*** Each group will present their findings to the class. Presentations should answer all of the same questions that you answered in the paper. Presentations should be at least 2 minutes long and should include 3 different visual artifacts.

***Disclaimer:*** The Kennedy assassination has intrigued Americans for the last 50 years. Because of that many wild and insane theories about the assassination have been circulated. The mission of your group is to find the truth for the American people, not make a fool of yourself and me in my classroom. Ludicrous or ridiculous theories ***WILL NOT*** be entertained or graded. Take this assignment seriously.

***Rubric:*** This is a group grade. You will be allowed to choose your groups so choose your partners wisely. Groups will be graded on the following scale.

Answers all appropriate questions in the paper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 6

Answers all appropriate questions in the presentation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 6

Presentation has 3 appropriate visuals \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 6

Paper is typed and is free of grammatical and spelling errors\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 6

Conclusion in paper is backed up by factual research \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 6

Conclusion in presentation is backed up by factual research \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 6

Presentation is appropriate length and presented well with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 6

eye contact and appropriate volume

Overall quality of paper and presentation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 8

Final Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ 50