Topic Proposal:

George Washington

I chose the topic of George Washington. George Washington is very important, because he was the first president of the United States, and he helped lead to the victory of the American Revolution War against Britain, and he was also a great military commander, and lead in the French and Indian War, but was defeated and sadly surrendered. He is also significant in history because of these reasons too. George Washington started as a Virginia planter, and he also inherited the Mount Vernon Estate, when his brother Lawrence had died. The public first noticed George when Gov. Robert Dinwiddie dispatched him on a mission to warn French commander against further encroachment against claimed territory of Britain. George was promoted to colonel after the French and Indian war and was appointed commander in chief of the Virginia Militia. Then after years of being commander in chief of the Virginia Militia, he was congress’s unanimous choice for Commander in Chief for the Continental Forces. When the American Revolution war broke out George took command of the troops and trained them for when the British arrived. George lead the army very well and eventually forced the surrender of Cornwallis of Yorktown, with the help of the French, and ensured the American victory. After the American Revolution George was appointed the first president of the United States, but then retired after only two terms, and died of a throat infection shortly after.

George Washington influenced history because he was such a good commander in the wars, and was a really good President and formed an alliance with the French and the British. George was discouraged socially after the French and Indian war, but that also encouraged him to do better. The political and economic issues during that time encouraged George to improve The United States when he was President.

I chose George Washington as a topic because I feel like we haven’t learned much about him in class and I don’t know much about him so I wanted to use him as my topic so I can learn more about him. I wanted to learn how he did as the first President. I also wanted to learn more about how he helped win the American Revolution war. I wanted to learn more about how he became president and how he got to be there and how he did it, and what he did that lead up to becoming President.
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Thomas Edison

Thomas Edison is known and important for the inventions he had made. In 1869 Thomas improved the stock tickers and patented several associated inventions, among which were the Universal Stock sticker and unison events. He opened a manufacturing shop in Newark. He also opened a laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey. Thomas is still known on this day because otherwise is would be hard to find anyone living today. Thomas Edison was self-taught and he only went to school for 3 months. Thomas had mental problems, so the teacher had doubt he could not learn on his own.

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