

## American Quilt Project

**Is America's success as a nation more the result of individual accomplishment or the result of collective efforts?**

- What do Americans mean when we talk about being an individual? What are the strengths and weaknesses of individualism?
- Does this emphasis on the power of the individual help build a healthy society or does it hurt society overall?
- How should we make our decisions: based on our own individual interests or based on the collective (group) interests?

**In groups of 3-4, your task is to assemble a quilt that answers this question, following this procedure:**

1. The quilt should be made of at least 20 squares.
2. Each square of the quilt should reflect an important voice (a character from literature, a historical figure, someone you know or have read about in the news, a cultural figure) that has helped you shape an answer to the question above.
3. Each square should
  - ★ be no more than 10" x 10"
  - ★ have a quotation attributed to the writer/historical/contemporary person
  - ★ have an image—literal or symbolic—that reflects the meaning of the quote
  - ★ have a border that makes a clear separation from the squares around it
4. The following must be represented on your quilt:  $6 + 6 + 2 + 4 + 2 = 20$

**From History (choose 6)**

The Constitutional era Antebellum expansion & reforms Civil War/Reconstruction Westward expansion/ Imperialism/WWI	Industrialization & Gilded Age Progressive Era 1920s WWII
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**From English (choose 6)**

Thoreau "Walden" Song of Solomon Wolff "Bullet in the Brain" Gopnik "Mr. Ravioli"	<i>Absolutely True Diary...</i> Any poem we have read together <i>Great Gatsby</i> <i>American Born Chinese</i>
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**From LIFE**

Two examples from current events (2) Your personal experience → one for each person (3 – 4) Remaining ones are free choice! (2)
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**Schedule for the project:**

- ☛ Tuesday, 4/12: Explain project (F2), join groups, begin planning; **HW:** Start research
- ☛ Wednesday, 4/13 (G2 & F3): Create and begin putting together squares. **HW:** Complete your squares.
- ☛ Thursday, 4/14 (F4): Finish assembling squares and putting together quilt  
**G3 = QUILTS COMPLETED:** Self-assess & gallery walk

### Group Rubric (30 pts)

	Exceed	Meet	Appr.	JB
Quotations	All of the “Meets” plus texts clearly “in dialogue” with each other	Accurately reflect a variety of views	All required writers and historical units included	
Quilt organization	All of the “Meets” plus organization provokes thought	Has 20 squares and a clear, deliberate organizational system; borders are sharp & meaningful	Has 16 organized squares & borders	
Visual presentation	All of the “Meets” plus creative and/or thought provoking	Images are clear and at times add to meaning; looks like a single project	Images are clearly linked to text; generally coheres	
Bibliography	See meets	Properly cites and formats all sources not used in class	Cites sources, but has some formatting issues.	

### Individual Rubric (20 points)

Artist’s Statement (to be done in class)	Explains the meaning behind images and organization of quilt; <b>defends a strong position on the central question</b>	Explains the meaning behind images and organization of quilt; <b>attempts a clear answer to central question</b>	Explains the meaning behind images and organization of quilt; points out that there are variety of positions	
Participation	Collaborates consistently and respectfully, helps others participate by sharing knowledge expertise. Leads and follows. Encourages others to complete tasks through clarification or communication	Collaborates consistently and respectfully, helps others participate by sharing knowledge expertise. Leads and follows. Completes tasks as assigned by group.	Collaborates consistently and respectfully, helps others. May leads and follow. Completes tasks as assigned by group	

**You will also complete a questionnaire about your participation in the group, and your perception of how well the group worked together.**

Jordan	Addie	Alexander	Nabeel	Rachel H	
Max	Jessica	Anthony	Sarina	Tessa	
Anna	Dober	Andrew Karl	Robin Medoff	Sujata	
Maria	Zach	Sara Fazli			
Daniel	Victor	Will	Peter	Zoe	Mixer
Tabby	Ruslan	Emma F	Gundal	Harrison	Alex Webb
Emily	Targett	Timmy	Nina	Mike P	Oliver
Garb	Harir	Jacob	Olivia	Nick	