

The US government has created many agencies to ensure the safety of its citizens. These agencies have continued to develop to address modern day challenges. For example the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was created during the tenure of Theodore Roosevelt to fight corruption that travelled across state lines. The Office of Strategic Services, originally created to collect and analyze strategic information, led to the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) under Dwight D. Eisenhower to ensure national security. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) was originally created as a tax collection agency.

Each of these agencies has been involved in countless efforts to combat corruption and criminal activity. Historic noteworthy personalities include J. Edgar Hoover, the first director of the FBI and John Dillinger, Hoover's greatest rival. Other notable agencies and/or groups include The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), The Security and Exchange Commission and The US Federal Marshals Service.

Other Notable Agencies and Personalities may be found at:
http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Federal/All_Agencies/index.shtml
<http://www.fbi.gov/libref/historic/famcases/famcases.htm>

For your next challenge please identify an agency or notable personality who has in some way influenced the development of our local, state or national security.

You may research one of the above topics or request approval for an unlisted topic. Please do not request a topic that has already been chosen. Select one of the options below to complete this project.

Option 1 Paper (preferred)

Write a 3 (900 words) page paper that includes:

Information about your agency/historic figure and important events related to that agency/historic figure. You should also include a brief history of your agency or include a biographical early history of your historic figure including: family life, education and important achievements.

Document your sources.

Option 2 Verbal Presentation

Create a 2^{1/2}-5 minute presentation (on note cards) that includes:

Information about your agency/historic figure and important events related to that agency/historic figure. You should also include a brief history of your agency or include a biographical early history of your historic figure including: family life, education and important achievements.

Document your sources.

Option 3 PowerPoint or Prezi with Verbal Presentation

Create a PowerPoint presentation that includes:

8 slide minimum (6 sentences/slide minimum) that includes information (and images) about your agency/historic figure and important events related to that agency/historic figure. You should also include a brief history of your agency or include a biographical early history of your historic figure including: family life, education and important achievements.

1 slide that includes links back to your web resources.

Please provide the full link when hyperlinking back to your web resource.

Be prepared to share your Presentation with the class (to receive a grade > B).

Grading

You will be evaluated on: 1) your ability to follow directions and cooperate with others, 2) the amount **classroom** time spent, 3) the accuracy and quality of the information provided, 4) your delivery to the class (including a 16pt verbal analysis – i.e. you have to talk).

You will have several class days to complete your project. Late projects will not be accepted barring extraordinary circumstances once a deadline has been given (ordinary absences are not extraordinary).