Issue Paper/Speech Rubric and Helpful Hints

Details:  Word processed, double spaced, 12 font and a bibliography (MLA format) with 5-10 sources.

Honors U.S. History:  You must write about all 5 issues in your paper. Each issue will be approximately one page as you will have to give the arguments for both sides before giving your character’s position on the issue.  See Bonus Issues below.

U.S. History:  You must write about three of the 5 issues in your paper. Each issue will be approximately one page as you will have to give the arguments for both sides before giving your character’s position on the issue.

Format:  Write your paper in First Person which will allow you to also use it for your speech. Make sure that you argue both sides of the issue before giving your own opinion. Use the information from the worksheets that you completed for each issue. Remember, you may not be able to find exactly how your person felt on a particular issue. However, based on what you do know about your character (beliefs, ideologies, and values), how might they have responded to each issue? Make sure that you have a thorough understanding of the issues for your speech and the round table topic discussions.

Bonus Issues:  You may substitute one of the bonus issues for any of the other 5 issues.  You must write about a bonus issue if it is one of your characters main issues.

Rubric for Issue Paper – 40 points

10 Conventions - spelling and grammar
20 Content - arguments were made for both sides of the issue and a final position was taken.
10 Bibliography - at least 5 sources were used (MLA format).

Speech-Helpful Hints

- Start with an interest grabbing or controversial statement which represents the views of your character.  This could also include a quote or story.
- Speak clearly and persuasively on the issues.  Remind your audience and President Roosevelt what it is that you want to see happen.
- Remember to use original quotes whenever appropriate.
- Even though you do not need to memorize your speech, make good eye contact.
- If you have an artifact or visual refer to it at times during your speech.
- Try to avoid saying "um" or "okay" in between sentences or thoughts
- Practice your speech several times in front of a friend, family member or a mirror.
- Relax and have fun!

Extra Credit for your speech

- Artifact - items that relate to your historical figure.  For example, different inventions from Thomas Edison or a hatchet from Carrie Nation. Just make sure that the hatchet is not the real thing! A visual poster would also work.