

## **Special Topics 1A**

## **Suggestions for Final Projects**

An important world leader: US presidents, Soviet leaders, Chinese leaders, Sukarno, Suharto, Castro, Lumumba, McCarthy, MacArthur, Dulles Brothers, leaders outside of political power: MLK, Malcolm X, Franz Fanon, Che Guevara

One region or country

One decade or period

One liberation struggle

Religion and Ideology

### **Films that students could use as the basis of their final reports**

#### **The Space Race**

*The Right Stuff*

#### **Russian History**

*Dr. Zhivago*

*Reds*

#### **Mutually Assured Destruction (nuclear weapons)**

*The Day the Earth Stood Still*

*Dr. Strangelove*

*The Day After*

*War Games*

*Oppenheimer*

*Fat Man and Little Boy (Shadowmakers)*

*On the Beach*

#### **The American war in Vietnam**

*The Quiet American*

*Platoon*

*Born on the 4th of July*

*The Big Lebowski*

*JFK*

## **The anti-communist war in Latin America**

*Salvador*

## **The Drug Trade and the Cold War**

*Air America*

*American Made*

## **Spycraft**

*The Quiet American*

*Three Days of the Condor*

*The Americans* (series, 75 episodes)

*The Spy who Came in from the Cold*

*Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*

*The Manchurian Candidate*

## **The anti-communist witch-hunt**

*The Front*

*Trumbo*

*Guilty by Suspicion*

*Hail, Caesar*

## **Literature, Poems and Popular Music about the Cold War**

**Study one or more episodes of the documentary film series *The Untold History of the United States* (you can borrow the DVDs from the teacher)**

Chapter 1: World War II

Chapter 2: Roosevelt, Truman & Wallace

Chapter 3: The Bomb

Chapter 4: The Cold War: 1945-1950

Chapter 5: The 1950s: Eisenhower, the Bomb & The Third World

Chapter 6: JFK: To the Brink

Chapter 7: Johnson, Nixon & Vietnam: Reversal of Fortune

Chapter 8: Reagan, Gorbachev & Third World: Rise of the Right

Chapter 9: Bush & Clinton: American Triumphalism – New World Order

Chapter 10: Bush & Obama: Age of Terror