

# Viewpoint: History Edition

Session 3

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Description: This course will look at a few events and movements in history that were met with controversy and a broad range of viewpoints. Through discussion and research students will determine their own viewpoint on the event after carefully weighing all sides.

Materials: Pen or pencil, notebook and an open mind!

Expectations: Participation! The class is what you make it. This will not be a debate class as much as it is a discussion class, and an opportunity to share informed perspectives with maturity and a willingness to hear others. A range of opinions is expected and welcomed! Be open to new ideas and respect your classmates who may disagree with you. **Complete the homework using reputable sources and creativity!**

## Week 1: Louisiana Purchase: Part I

History lesson and discussion: Who was involved? What went down? Where and when did it take place? Why did it matter? Homework: Each student will have a different persona with a different viewpoint to take on, even if it is one that they don't agree with (more fun!). They will be given resources to research their stance.

## Week 2: Louisiana Purchase: Part II

In class, students will share what they found and we will discuss the lasting effects of this event.

## Week 3: Panama Canal: Part I (same format as previous topic)

## Week 4: Panama Canal: Part II (same format as previous topic)

## Week 5: Philippine-American War: Part I (same format as previous topic)

## Week 6: Philippine-American War: Part II (same format as previous topic)

## Week 7: League of Nations: Part I (same format as previous topic)

## Week 8: League of Nations: Part II (same format as previous topic)

## Week 9: TBD Project