



High School 2011

Give Me Liberty ...

Scenario:

Your team is a group of fledgling movie makers with an idea for capitalizing on the current quest for democracy in the Middle East. Your concept is to compare and contrast those events with quests for democracy from the past or present. You need funding for the project before you can proceed. A group of potential investors has asked you to make a multimedia presentation highlighting the content of the documentary you are proposing. In your proposal, you have decided to select a country that is currently in the early stages of trying to become a democracy and compare their situation to a country that is either farther along or has an established democracy.

Possible topics to cover (these are only suggestions and are not a requirement for a superior presentation):

1. What is the process you used to pick the two countries?
2. How are the two quests for democracy similar or different?
3. How would you define success or failure?
4. What were the reasons for the uprisings?
5. To what level were they peaceful or violent?
6. Could violence be avoided?
7. What lessons can we learn from these events?
8. How did the events change things in their country, or are they in the process of change?
9. How would you advise the fledgling democracy?
10. Why do you think people will watch this movie?

Bibliography

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Possible Sources

Newspapers, historians, scientists, videos, the Internet, encyclopedias, history textbooks, and the ERS Portal (<http://www.erslibrary.org>).

Online Sources

ibiblio:

<http://www.ibiblio.org/gsearch/?cx=012312106304230389901%3Agmh4ixz8rae&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=democracy&sa=Search#1006>

Searchable public library and digital archive of articles, books, speeches and other documents.

Guardian: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/interactive/2011/mar/22/middle-east-protest-interactive-timeline>

An interactive timeline of pro-democracy protests, regime changes, and political movements in the Middle East.

Foreign Affairs: <http://www.foreignaffairs.com/features/collections/foreign-affairs-coverage-of-the-crisis-in-the-middle-east>

International news and events magazine published by the Council on Foreign Relations.

Carnegie Endowment: <http://www.carnegieendowment.org/arb/>

Carnegie's Arab Reform Bulletin with news, insights, and views from Arab media.

Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Film_finance

All about film financing options.

Film Biz 101: <http://www.filmbiz101.com/film-financing/>

Film industry resource page with an informational blog covering distribution, finding investors and funding a film.

Film Funding Club Blog: <http://magicmirror.com/>

An online club dedicated to helping write, produce, distribute, and market films.