Chapter 19.1 and 19.2

Activities

**Due Date: Thursday, May 9th**

**Objective**: Students will gain a better understanding of the power of groupthink and behavior associated with those involved in cults and other powerful groups led by charismatic individuals.

**Task**: In groups of 3-4, complete one of the following activities below. **NOTE: Groups will randomly choose the activity.**

Refer to chapter/section 19.1 and 19.2 as well as internet sources to gather information for your presentation. Your presentation may be in **any** multi-media format (movie, PowerPoint, blog, website, etc.) however you must include all content areas listed under the activity’s heading, as well as a work cited page in MLA format.

**NOTE**: Some of you will be working alone and not with a partner or partners.

**Activity 1**: **Group Behavior**

Groupthink occurs when group discussions stress agreement rather than critical thinking. The Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961 was a result of groupthink.

* \_\_\_ Research and describe the Bay of Pigs invasion.
* \_\_\_ Explain how you believe groupthink contributed to the outcome of the event.
* \_\_\_ Research 2 other historical events that were the result of groupthink.
  + Detail the background of the events.
  + Detail the causes and effects of the events.
* \_\_\_ Explain the effects (positive and/or negative) on society.
  + Also, include effects or even possible effects on individuals involved.
* \_\_\_ **Your presentation must include one reference to the text (19.1 and/or 19.2)**

**Activity 2**: **Conformity and Obedience**

Extreme conformity and obedience occurs when individuals are able to control the thoughts and actions of a group of people. Your task is to research **extreme** 2 examples of extreme conformity and obedience in history that details and describes the effects of these events upon society.

* \_\_\_ Research 2 events in history where groups of people conformed and obeyed **someone** in particular.
  + For each event, describe the actions taken by the groups.
* \_\_\_ Identify and describe the groups and their leaders.
  + Describe the general characteristics of the people who joined the groups and in particular their leaders. For example:
    - Educational backgrounds
    - Socioeconomic commonalities or differences
    - Possible psychological disorders
  + Describe the reasons people joined the groups.
* \_\_\_ Explain how the leader could command such obedience.
* \_\_\_ Explain how compliance is related to conformity.
* \_\_\_ **Your presentation must include one reference to the text (19.1 and/or 19.2)**

**Advice**: So you do not forget any item broken down for you above, I strongly recommend you check off each content area of your activity after researching the topic and inserting the information into your presentation.