Anniversaries are always a time to celebrate and reflect. While every single year can mark an anniversary, we tend to focus on those that end in 0 or 5: 10, 25, 40, 50, 75, 100. This post AP exam project reflects this focus.

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of events that took place in (drum roll please…) 1969! For this project, we are pretending that we have just discovered a time capsule from 1969. Inside, we find news of the following events that occurred that year:

- Richard Nixon is inaugurated as the 37th president
- Neil Armstrong becomes the first person on the Moon
- The Stonewall Inn riots start the modern gay rights movement
- Sesame Street debuts on PBS
- The Woodstock Music Festival is held in Bethel, NY
- *Tinker v Des Moines* is decided
- The first ATM is installed in Rockville Center, NY
- ARPANET debut
- James Earl Ray pleads guilty to assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut is published

As burgeoning historians, you are fascinated by this time capsule, and are so excited that you decide to write a paper about it! In this paper you will answer the following questions and address the following issues:

- What do these items say about this time in US history? What can we learn about this time in US history from these items?
- How do these items relate to broader themes in US history? Connect the individual objects to these themes.
- Which 3 items are the most significant to us today? Why did you choose these?
- Chose 5 items from today (Jan 2018-Apr 2019) to be opened in 2069. Why did you choose these items? In addition to adding this to your paper, please prepare a 6 slide powerpoint to present to the class about these objects (1 intro slide, 5 for the objects)

Here is the timeline for your paper. Do not skip these steps, as they will count as homework assignments.

T 5/22 detailed outline
F 5/31 final paper

Parameters: 5-7 pages typed, 12 point, not including the cover and works cited page
APUSH 1969 Time Capsule Paper

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——— Significance of 1969 events and broader themes (50%)

——— Most important 3 items to us today (15%)

——— 5 items from today (20%)

——— Mechanics (15%)