



International Lesson Plan Comparing History Textbooks

Menlo AP History students worked with students in the Civil Rights senior elective class at the Perse School in Cambridge, UK.

The Perse teacher found examples from three U.K. textbooks and Menlo teacher Charles Hanson found examples from three US textbooks on three topics: Civil Rights Movement, Vietnam War, and Watergate. Students were grouped by topic so that there was a silo of Menlo and Perse students studying a single topic, e.g., a small and mixed group of Perse and Menlo students studied Vietnam. Each student did three things:

- 1) Record and upload a Flip Grid video introducing themselves
- 2) Read a collection of short excerpts from more than one American and more than one U.K. textbook on the same topic (e.g., CRM or Vietnam or Watergate)
- 3) Upload a second longer video (2-3 minutes) responding to open-ended prompts about what they have learned about history and what they have learned about texts from this exercise.