**Assignment 5.1.17**

**Topic Research**

\*This component done during today’s class will be part of your digital portfolio that you turn in at the end of the unit.

**Directions:**

1. Research a topic that interests you about your text.
   1. I don’t want a list of facts about the author or the time period that the text was written in!
   2. For example: If I were reading *The Things They Carried,* I might look up one of the men mentioned in the book. Let’s just say that I found out that one of them, after fighting in the war, came home and suffered from severe PTSD, and ended up killing his wife accidentally. How might that connect to liberty/freedom? Well first, they took his physical freedom because he was drafted to fight in the war. Then, they robbed him of his mental freedom and happiness because of the trauma he faced which caused PTSD. He also killed his wife accidentally, which I am sure caused him much pain.
   3. Another example: Let’s say I was looking up Kaye Gibbons bio information, and I found out that she prescribed her own medication illegally and was caught and arrested. She was also addicted to pain medicine and anti-depressants. Due to the trauma she faced as a child, she was robbed of her liberty and happiness – she was addicted to medication and could never truly be satisfied with her life, even though she had two loving daughters.
2. Connect it to the unit’s essential question regarding life, liberty, and happiness.
   1. See details on how to do that above.
3. Present it to me in a creative way.
   1. Through a google slide presentation, prezi, visual story, or some other creative way, present this information to me. Detailing the information and its connection to the unit’s essential question.