

## Social Studies Performance Task 8-4

### Standard(s):

- **SS10c – Global Connections:** Discuss the external and internal influences on US foreign policy

### The Task:

Various external and internal factors influence a nation's foreign policy. You are to research the major foreign policy decisions made under an assigned President. Investigate the events and the causes leading to his policy decisions as well as the results. Present the data to your class in one of the following ways:

- Assuming the role of your assigned President, prepare and present an address to the Nation that articulates and defends your policies. Prepare your speech in written format.
- In your role as the President, hold a press conference to articulate your policies. Create written questions for the press corps (class), which could be asked during the press conference.
- Prepare and present a documentary dealing with the impact of the administration's major foreign policy decision. Include a complete discussion of the events leading up to and resulting from the decision. The documentary can be the written script or as a video/multimedia presentation.

### Circumstances of Performance:

The student work is produced under the following conditions:

alone

in a group

in class

as homework

with teacher feedback

with peer feedback

timed

extended project

no opportunity for revision

opportunity for revision

### Criteria for Success:

- Uses and evaluates appropriate primary sources and presents concrete examples.
- Provides background information in standard written English.
- Provides clear examples that reflect a background knowledge and understanding of the issues.

**Related Standard(s):**

- **SS1a – Culture:** Explain the citizen's role and influence on public policy decisions
- **SS3b – Time, Continuity, and Change:** Investigate, interpret and analyze multiple historical viewpoints as related to important events
- **SS6d – Individuals, Groups, and Institutions:** Assess the basic socioeconomic interests in the US and their impact on formation of the government
- **SS8d – Power, Authority, and Governance:** Examine the impact of conflicts on the American government system