

Student Name: _____

Date: _____ **Period:** _____

Lesson: *Like Water for Chocolate*

Final Project: Visual Essay

Goal: In reading the novel *Like Water for Chocolate*, you have studied the cause and effect of the De la Garza's family breakdown, and you are knowledgeable about the 1910 Mexican Revolution. The goal of the final project is to compare and contrast the internal (household) and external (Mexican government) revolutions.

What is a visual essay? For the purpose of this assignment, you will incorporate visuals and text to support a thesis statement.

- The text used must support the thesis statement and include three arguments (topic statements) and four quotes to support each argument (topic statement).
- The visual are used to help bring meaning or support to the argument. Do not use a collage of pictures that have no connection to your argument. The background of your poster is as important as the visuals you select to represent the text.

Getting Started:

Brainstorm

- Consider the essential questions.
- What comparison can be drawn from the internal and external revolutions?
- What impact did the revolutions have on the people involved?
- How can you connect the internal and external revolutions to the essential questions?

Drafting

- Start with an outline (thesis statement, arguments-topic statements, quotes)
- What images would represent or support your ideas?

Revising

- Would your draft hold up if you had to write a traditional essay?

Materials

- Poster (size)
- Visuals (e.g., clip art, magazine, etc.)
- Markers or paint

Supportive Advice:

Please, do not wait to the last minute to start this project. The final project will take a great deal of planning and organizing. You must demonstrate that you have mastered the skill and knowledge of the unit lesson. While a visual essay is different from a traditional written essay, it is similar in that you must organize your thought, and get you point across to the viewer (reader). Remember to think, plan, re-plan, organize, and execute for success.

No late projects