STTP – LOCAL DEFENDERS YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

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**UNIT PLAN**

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| Assignment #1  One-pagers | Assignment #2  Podcasts | Assignment #3  Videos | Assignment #4  Mini-essay | Sessions |
| **6 students** | **9 students** | **6 students** | **21 students** | **7/8** |

**SESSIONS 1 & 2 – LOCAL DEFENDERS YESTERDAY (PART 1)**

**Slide 1: This famous quote is from Francesc Pi i Margall’s book “La Reacción y la Revolución”, from 1854.**

**Slide 2: In the days of the “I Republic” slavery was abolished from all the Spanish colonies and Emilio Castelar played a major role in this decision.**

**Hundreds of people decided to gather funds for a monument to Castelar in the first years of the 20th century. Soon other institutions followed suit and the monument was finished by 1906, 7 years after Castelar’s demise.**

**You can find a copy of Castelar’s famous speech on the abolition of slavery here:**

[**http://www.saavedrafajardo.org/Archivos/LIBROS/Libro0777.pdf**](http://www.saavedrafajardo.org/Archivos/LIBROS/Libro0777.pdf)

**(As there is no English version of the speech available online, I decided to translate some excerpts myself.)**

**-Ask the students who would like to volunteer to do the one-pagers (we only need 6: two groups of three). They can work with the Language Assistant while the rest of their classmates can work on the webquest with you.**

**SESSIONS 3 & 4 – LOCAL DEFENDERS YESTERDAY (PART 2)**

**-Talk to your local “Centro de la tercera edad” to see if the residents would be willing to participate; if they do, arrange a date to take the students there and don’t forget to inform the leadership team and their families. Have the authorizations for their families ready.**

**-Don’t forget that if some of the residents wanted to give a talk to your students you would need to include one more session in your Unit plan.**

**SESSIONS 5 & 6 – LOCAL DEFENDERS TODAY**

**Slide 13: Ladislao Martínez was one of the founders of the well-known environmental activists organization *“Ecologistas en Acción”*. He is also famous for having organized a referendum to stop the privatization of “Canal Ysabel II”. He was offered important responsibilities in politics, but he always refused to get involved, because he absolutely loved his job as a Physics teacher at IES “Villa de Vallecas”. He passed away in December 2014 and he is still sorely missed by all his colleagues and former students.**