Applying S.P.E.C.S. to the *Staff Class to the Past* Project:

**EVENT:** ______________________________

**Significance** [What was the significance of your chosen event in U.S. history?]:

**Perspective** [Who did you go back in time to meet? What was his/her perspective on your chosen event?]:

**Evidence** [What are some of the facts you learned about your event that were most interesting? These should be facts from your research.]

**Connections** [How does your event connect with other major events in U.S. history? Include at least one cause/effect relationship (in which your event directly caused something) and one correlation (another event that has something in common with your event – for example, if your event was a war, you can connect it with another unrelated war, because they are both wars.)]

**Supposition** [What if your event hadn’t happened? How would the world be different? OR How could you have gone back in time and changed history?]

**Paragraph Reflection on the Project (individual)** [In your paragraph, include what event you chose and who you went back in time to visit. How did you choose that person? What was most difficult about this project? What are you most proud of from this project?]
EXAMPLE of Applying SPECS on my DP:

**EVENT:** The Declaration of Independence

**Significance:** The Declaration of Independence is one of the most important documents in U.S. history. If not for the Declaration of Independence, we would not be an independent nation. It declared our nation’s independence from England during the American Revolution.

**Perspective:** I went back in time and visited King George III and his perspective was very different from the U.S. perspective. Thomas Jefferson, who wrote it, and everyone involved in declaring independence from England were really proud and happy about the document. King George III was angry about the document, because it challenged his power and control over the American colonies.

**Evidence:** My research about the Declaration of Independence revealed many interesting facts. One of those facts or pieces of evidence to support my conclusion that this was a very significant document in U.S. history is that King George III was so angry about what the document declared. The Declaration of Independence clearly stated why the colonies were at war with England. Another strong piece of evidence we found was the quote that Roberto wrote from Ben Franklin, which stated, “Yes, we must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately.” This shows that by signing the Declaration of Independence, the signers were committing to an act of treason against the king of England. The penalty for that type of treason would be a death sentence, which shows the act was significant and dangerous.

**Connection:** The Declaration of Independence was a revolutionary document, declaring separation from England. When the Southern States seceded from the Union in the Civil War, it was a similar act of rebellion from the established government.

**Supposition:** What would have happened if the Declaration of Independence had not been written? We may still be a part of England, instead of an independent nation. What would have happened if King George III had taken the declaration seriously, right away? England was a much more powerful force than the American colonies, at the time. If they had taken America’s threats seriously of challenging the throne from the start, they could have easily defeated the American colonies with their greater military force.