Group or Individual Project?

You face several important questions right when you begin your History Day project. Do you want to work alone or in a group? If you work in a group, who do you want on your team? Think carefully about the following questions as you make these important decisions.

1. Circle three words that describe the roles that you usually play in when working in a group.

   Group Leader  Works Best Alone  Great With Technology  Likes to Work With Their Hands
   Keeps on Schedule  Last-Minute Planner  Works Best With Friends  Loves Writing  Enjoys Acting

2. Use a highlighter to select the three words that describe your ideal group member.

3. Selecting group members is about strategy and balance, just like a baseball team. A baseball team needs people with a variety of strengths, including those who are good at hitting, running, pitching, catching, and motivating other players. Coaches don't want to pick players that won't show up for games or who don't play fair. List five qualities that make someone a good partner and five traits that you want to avoid in your group members:

   **Positive Characteristics**
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 
   4. 
   5. 

   **Traits to Avoid**
   1. 
   2. 
   3. 
   4. 
   5. 

4. There are advantages and disadvantages to working both individually or in a group. Complete the following chart by filling in two advantages and two disadvantages to working as an individual and working as a group.

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5. I would rather work: (circle one)  Alone  In a Group

6. Why?

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Name(s)_________________________________________________________