

U.S. History Research Paper

Objective:

The objective of this assignment is for students to expand their knowledge of 20th Century American history in a field of their choice. They will do this through the process of researching secondary and primary sources as well as writing a well-constructed paper, which develops upon and around the idea of a stated in the thesis.

Requirements:

The requirements for this research paper will be as follows:

1. The research paper needs to be **5-8 pages typed** and in the following format:
 - ✓ Double Spaced
 - ✓ Times New Roman
 - ✓ Every page numbered except the first page
 - ✓ Title Page
 - ✓ 12-Point Font
 - ✓ One-inch margins
2. You will need to have a topic and a thesis approved by the teacher.
3. The paper should include:
 - ✓ a full introduction to the topic,
 - ✓ the thesis statement,
 - ✓ the body of the paper should work to prove the thesis through the use of historical facts, and
 - ✓ the conclusion should tie all the arguments made in the body of the paper back to the original thesis.
4. You will need to have at least **FOUR** different sources of relevant information
 - At least **ONE primary source**
 - At least **ONE non-internet source.**
5. The bibliography should be written in MLA format and the paper should have in-text citations identifying where pertinent information is coming from.
6. A paragraph-by-paragraph outline of the paper must be created and handed in prior to the creation of a rough draft.
7. A rough draft will need to be completed and brought into class for self/peer editing before the final draft is handed in.
8. An electronic copy of the final draft will be sent to the teacher. Make sure that whatever program you use to type your paper can be sent by email or a flash drive.

Grading:

Each of the following will count as a separate **grade**:

- ✓ The approval of your topic/thesis
- ✓ The approval of your resources
- ✓ The approval of your outline
- ✓ Bringing in your rough draft for self/peer editing

The FINAL DRAFT will count as **TWO Test Grades!**

Due Dates:

1. December

Your **topic and thesis** needs to be approved by the teacher either ON or BEFORE this date.

2. January

Most of your **resources** must be studied and approved by the teacher ON or BEFORE this date. [This should be a preliminary bibliography for your paper.]

3. February

You must hand in a paragraph-by-paragraph **outline** of your entire paper and have it looked over and approved by the teacher ON or BEFORE this date.

4. March

You **MUST** bring in 2 copies of your **rough draft** ON this day for self/peer editing.

5. April

Your **FINAL DRAFT** must be handed into the teacher ON or BEFORE this date.