US History

Research Paper

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Welcome to your US History research paper! To begin, the topic of your research may be any US History topic. However, you must make sure that there is enough information to complete the requirements of the paper. You will not be given much class time to research. Therefore, you must complete most of the work **ON YOUR OWN TIME**. You will be also responsible for regular class assignments and tests as we will be moving forward with our curriculum. Below are your requirements for the paper.

**Title Page**: Title of Paper, Name, Date, Period, and Teacher

**Format**: 7-10 pages, size 11-12 font, Times New Roman, Double spaced (Title page does NOT count as a page), page numbers at the bottom

**At least** 5-6 sources, must include 3 primary, 1 print resource, 2 **DIFFERENT** school databases. If you MUST use a general website you **must** submit the website evaluation sheet found on LMC web page. About.com, Wikipedia, etc. are NOT acceptable sources. If you have questions on this ASK.

Works Cited in MLA (7) format, parenthetical citations throughout body

**Outline**: You will follow the sentence outline template provided on LMC website (research tools, <http://flhsvirtuallibrary.weebly.com/research-tools.html> ). You must include a complete list of sources using PROPER MLA FORMAT. This will be submitted to the LMC specialists for review. On the day your outline is due you will submit: 2 copies of completed outlines with work cited included (one for me, one for LMC specialists).

**Based on previous student feedback, it is highly recommended that you meet with one of the LMC specialists to discuss any questions you may have on work cited, resources materials, etc.**

**Draft:** Your drafts will be submitted for peer reviewing/editing that will be completed in class via Turnitin.com. This is required to be a COMPLETE draft. Each student will be given a peer review/editing guide to complete for the paper they are reviewing. These will be submitted back to the writer along with their papers. Both an electronic copy and hard copy must be brought in on draft review day.

At any time during this process you would like to meet with me about your paper please make an appointment so that we may discuss!

**Important Due Dates**:

**Thursday, December 4th** : Research outlines/complete work cited due (2 copies w/ complete work cited)

**Monday, January 5th :** Drafts due (submit to turnitin.com) and bring hard copy (this is the day we return from winter break!)

**Friday, January 9th** : Final paper due (submit to turnitin.com) turn in hard copy

**Scheduled Library Dates:**

**November 10-14th :** We will be working in the library w/ LMC specialists to discuss the research process as well as to begin preliminary research to develop essential questions.

**December 3rd:** LMC Lab work day

**January 5,6,7th**: We will be peer reviewing your completed rough drafts of your paper via turnitin.com in the lab.

\*\***10 points will be deducted EACH DAY that your paper is late. You are considered late** **if I do not receive your outline/final paper by 2:30 pm on the due date. Your draft must be received by the class period that it will be reviewed.**

Since research is a process, you will be graded in a process to culminate in a final research grade. **Failure to complete this assignment will result in a failing grade for the quarter. \*\*Work is being done in the 2rd quarter and will post in the 3rd quarter\*\***

**Failure to use parenthetical citations throughout your paper OR not hand in a work cited will automatically result in an F for the final paper.**

**Outline**: 50 points, Essential question 15 points,1st Draft Work Cited 10 points

**Turn it in.com** (Complete Draft/Final paper): 30 points

**Final Paper**: 100 points

Completion Grades: Turnitin.com of Complete Draft/Final Paper

Formative Grades: Essential question approval, 1st draft of work cited

Summative Grades: Outline, final paper (including work cited)