

World History Research Paper

Introduction: Cherry Creek High School requires all sophomores to write a formal research paper in conjunction with their study of World History. The purpose of this assignment is to improve research, writing, organization and analytical skills in preparation for college. Because research papers are large projects, this assignment will be broken down into manageable steps as outlined below.

This essay will provide you an opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge of the primary and secondary source literature on a particular topic and to assess your writing proficiency and your analytical skills.

Topic: You will research and write a paper about a **historical figure**. You may pick a historically significant person from the list provided or choose your own and have the teacher approve it. Only one person may work on any one historical figure per class. By Wednesday, November 13, 2019, have a list of your top three choices, and we will randomly draw in class for the order in which historical figures will be chosen. (Hint: If you come up with a great person, do not share it with others before historical figures have been assigned; they might steal your cool idea!) Because this is World History, NO historical figures from the United States are allowed.

Once historical figures have been chosen, you will need to narrow down the subject of your essay to a specific topic that relates to that person. We will work on this process in class this week.

Research Paper Dates:

Wednesday, November 13	Chromebooks Historical figures chosen—Topic Selection ws
Thursday, November 14	Computer Lab Topic Selection ws (w/ thesis) Finish this
Friday, November 15	Research in Library—West Wing
Monday, November 18	Research in Computer Lab A
Tuesday, November 19	Research in Computer Lab B DUE by the end of period: 25 notecards AND 2-3 sources
Wednesday, November 20	Research in Computer Lab B Update your thesis statement.
Thursday, November 21	Research in Computer Lab B Pre-write ANALYSIS point (turn in at end of period)
Friday, November 22	Research in Computer Lab B DUE at the end of period: Total of 50 notecards AND total of 6-10 sources
Monday, November 25	Computer Lab B Beginning writing outline.
Tuesday, November 26	Computer Lab B Work on outline.
Monday, December 2	In classroom Work on outline.
Wednesday, December 4	Outline Due (with cover page & Works Cited Page) (at beginning of period) 3-5 body paragraphs—at least 6 pages
Thursday, January 9	Final Draft Due (with cover page & Works Cited Page) ☺ NO EXCUSES! (hard copy turned in during class) Must be turned in to Turnitin.com by 11:59pm

FINAL DRAFT DUE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

- Printed copy of your paper turned in at the beginning of class
- Submit it to Turnitin.com by 11:59pm January 9

NO EXCUSES!!!! In accordance with the Cherry Creek High School policy, if you are absent from school, your paper is still DUE on this day (see p. 14). If it is not turned in on time, it will be considered LATE: 20 points off per day it is late. TURN YOUR PAPER IN ON TIME!

* Extra credit (5 points) if it is turned in Tuesday, January 7.

** The outline/works cited will count as a major grade on the first semester and the final paper will each count as a major grade on the second semester.

Basic Requirements:

1. At least 6-10 sources (you can have more than this)
2. 50 notes in Noodle Tools (only 5 are allowed to be direct quote—paraphrase the rest!)
3. Typed outline with parenthetical documentation
4. Typed Final Draft

Sources: 6-10 sources (or more)

- 2 print sources!!!
- All other sources may be electronic: database, Ebooks
- **At least 1 quote from a PRIMARY SOURCE—ask for help**
- ONLY 1 website allowed!!!!
 - YOU MAY NOT USE Wikipedia or any other non-academic sources!!!! Sources must be reliable—published by a credible and valid author or organization. If you use these non-academic sources—they will not count towards the required sources and will result in possible failure of research portion of the grade.)
- Use MLA format when creating your source card.

Research Paper Format:

- Cover Page (see format on my website)
- Essay
 - Well-written, unified, analytical essay, including an introduction, thesis and topic sentences, and a conclusion paragraph
 - **1500 minimum word count; 5-8 pages**, double spaced (excluding your cover page & works cited page)
 - **12 point font—Times New Roman** (no **BOLD** lettering)
 - 1 inch margins (this is the “normal” setting—do NOT make it bigger) or less
 - Left justified, NEVER CENTER
 - Check for proper capitalization.
 - PROOFREAD YOUR PAPER!!! Have someone else also read it and make corrections.
 - Citations—are required for ALL INFORMATION that would not be considered common knowledge.
Example: Julius Caesar was assassinated.—no citation
On March 15, 44 C.E. Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of Roman senators for fear of this growing power. The conspirators stabbed him 23 times while in the midst of the Roman senate (Whiting 40).
 - Parenthetical citations = (Last name page number). Example: (Smith 249).
Period is after the citation, outside of the parentheses.
- Works Cited Page
 - Eliminate ALL HYPERLINKS for digital sources!
 - Alphabetical order (Do NOT count “the” in the title)
 - Hanging indent
- Essay DON'TS:
 - Never start the essay with a quote! It needs context.
 - Don't ask the reader questions, even rhetorical ones! This is for the entire paper.
 - Don't quote very often!! It just makes it look like you are filling in space. Instead, paraphrase and cite. **ONLY 4-5 quotes TOTAL in your paper.**
 - No quote over FOUR lines!!!