

AP World History Research Paper



Do you want to know a fun fact? A research paper is just a DBQ where you, the student, get to choose your prompt. Amazing, I know. ☺ You are about to partake in the process of writing your own DBQ using a topic of that you are interested in.

Topic:

Pick a major event, battle, idea that we have covered or will cover in AP World History that was/or could have been a turning point in world history. Your paper should answer the question below.

To what extent was _____ (your topic) a turning point in world history?

Research Paper Dates:

Friday, January 17	After quiz... choose turning point event/topic
Tuesday, January 21	Computer Lab B Thesis due at end of class period
Wednesday, January 22	Research in Library—Lab B
Thursday, January 23	Research in Computer Lab A
Friday, January 24	Research in Computer Lab B
Tuesday, January 28	Outline Due (with cover page & Works Cited Page) (at beginning of period) 3-5 body paragraphs—3-6 pages
Wednesday, February 19	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: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

- Printed copy of your paper turned in at the beginning of class
- Submit it to Turnitin.com by 11:59pm February 19

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: 15 points off per day it is late. TURN YOUR PAPER IN ON TIME!

Basic Requirements:

1. At least 4-6 sources (you can have more than this)
2. Typed outline with parenthetical documentation
3. Typed Research Paper (3-5 pages)

Sources: 4-6 sources

- 1 print source
- 1 database article (ie. Gale, ABC-CLIO,...)
- All other sources may be electronic: database, Ebooks, websites
 - 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.)
- **At least 1 quote from a PRIMARY SOURCE—ask for help**
- Use MLA format to cite each in Noodle Tools.

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
 - **3-5 pages**, double spaced (excluding your cover page & works cited page)
 - 11 point font—Arial (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!!!

Research Paper Organization:

- I. Introduction paragraph:
 - a. Contextualization (just like you do for a normal LEQ or DBQ—3-4 sentences to set the stage for your topic with background)
 - i. You can use quotes/paraphrases from your sources here
 - b. Thesis sentences (MUST answer “to what extent” To what extent was _____ (your topic) a turning point in world history?)
 - i. At least 3 main points (one of them MUST be supporting the opposite view: example 2 points supporting the fall of Rome as a turning point and one point explaining how it was NOT a turning point)
- II. Body paragraphs (3)
 - a. In order of points in thesis
 - b. Cite evidence from sources (correct MLA format) to support each of your thesis points
 - c. Last point should be the opposing view
 - d. Sourcing of at least 1 of your documents (SAPP)—should be when you use your PRIMARY SOURCE QUOTE!!!! (See my example)
- III. Conclusion
 - a. Brings some sort of closure—can be a restatement of thesis