

CP US History 1950s Culture Research and Analysis Paper

This research paper will be an in-depth look at **one theme** of American culture from the post WWII era. Any theme about the culture of America from 1945 to 1960 is fair game. After a theme has been selected, **two topics** that relate to that theme should be selected. More than one person can be working on similar topics, but each person must submit their own *unique* paper. A list of acceptable ideas will be provided. Themes and topics NOT on the list will also be open for research, but must be approved first.

The paper should include an introduction. Briefly introduce the decade, your theme and topics, and make them sound exciting or interesting so the reader will want to continue. Then write a thesis statement that gives the paper some structure and direction. The topics and analytical conclusions should be introduced in the thesis. The organization of the paper should be apparent from the introduction.

The paper should then proceed with a body paragraph for each of the topics you have selected. These paragraphs should be *descriptions* of the topics. Answer the who, what, when, where, and why type of questions in these paragraphs. Explain each topic. Be sure to cite any and all research in these paragraphs.

The paper should then include another paragraph for each of the topics. These should *analyze* what effect the topics continue to have on the world in 2025. To what extent has the present been impacted by the topics from the past? The specific impact the topics have had needs to be explained. Some of the analysis in this paragraph should be based on a personal interview. An interview will need to be conducted with someone who lived through the 1950s and has recollections of the time period. They should be asked questions about the topics and their responses will be used to help analyze what effect the topics have had on the present. Some sample questions will be provided. Be sure to cite any and all research in these paragraphs.

The paper should also have a conclusion that brings it all together. Be sure to restate the thesis and have a couple of sentences that bring the paper to a close.

Timeline:

Monday, Feb 23 (Lab B)- Start research

Tuesday, Feb 24 (West Wing)- Book research

Wednesday, Feb 25 (Lab B)- Research

Thursday, Feb 26 (Lab B)- Research

Friday, Feb 27 (Lab B) - Research and writing

Monday March 2nd- Have paper copy mostly completed for Peer Review Day in class.

Tuesday March 3rd- Paper copy due in class! Must also be submitted to turnitin.com!

Turnitin.com Information

3rd Period- ID: **51986460** pswd: Kirkpatrick

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Organization: Please organize your paper as follows:

I. Introduction (one half page)

Begin with background on the 1950s as a decade. Then introduce your theme and make it sound interesting. Then introduce your two topics as they are related to your theme. You then need a thesis statement that specifically states how impactful these topics continue to be in America today. Example: "Two important [ideas/people/events/inventions] that emerged in the 1950s were _____ and _____. [Both/neither (or something else)] continue to have an impact on America in the present day because _____."

II. Background on Topic One (one page)

Topic Sentence

Detailed explanation of history of topic

III. Background on Topic Two (one page)

Topic Sentence

Detailed explanation of history of topic

IV. Your Analysis of Current Impact of Topic One (one half page)

Topic Sentence

Evidence to support your analysis

V. Your Analysis of Current Impact of Topic Two (one half page)

Topic Sentence

Evidence to support your analysis

VI. Conclusion (one half page)

Summarize main points by restating your thesis

Bring paper to a close

VII. Works Cited

a. Use Noodletools

b. MLA format. Minimally, paper must have four sources. (One book, one database, one credible non-database source, one interview)

c. No information or citations from Wikipedia or blogs

d. Remember, this means you need to show where EVERYTHING you learned from a source came from

Requirements:

This is a formal paper and it should meet the following requirements:

- 4 pages, Times New Roman, 12 point font, 1 inch margins, double spaced
- Do not use 1st or 2nd person or contractions in formal writing
- Should be free of spelling and grammar mistakes. PROOFREAD
- Must submit to turnitin.com (Paper will not be graded until submitted)
- ChatGPT and any other plagiarism will be regarded as academic dishonesty

Rubric for Paper

Introduction and Conclusion (Includes thesis statement)	_____/10
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Content/ Description (This includes research information)	_____/30
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Analysis of Impact (This includes evaluation of significance and interview)	_____/20
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Format (Length, Font, Spacing, etc.)	_____/10
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Grammar (Spelling, Punctuation, No 1 st person)	_____/10
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Works Cited Page and In-Text (Parenthetical) Citations	_____/20
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Total	_____/100
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