

A.S. II – Honors  
Research Paper Project  
Fall 2019 - Honors  
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### **Purpose -**

The purpose of this project is threefold:

1. *Research* – to find information, view it with objectivity, to explore both primary and secondary sources
2. *Analysis* – to evaluate the usefulness of information, to discriminate between opposing viewpoints, to assess the validity of sources, develop the ability to discern which parts of a document will be useful
3. *Writing* – to present findings through a formal, research-based paper

### **Paper requirements –**

- \* 2-3 page typed paper, double-spaced with 12-point font and 1-inch margins
- \* footnotes in the Turabian or Chicago style (use Noodletools)
- \* bibliography in the Turabian or Chicago style (use Noodletools)
- \* research paper **written in the third person**
- \* students will write a clear and concise paper based on topic relating to an approved U.S. history topic in the period 1866 - 2010

Students will be required to use at least **two** primary sources as well as at least **two** secondary sources in the paper.

**Primary Sources** – sources that originate from the same period the historian is investigating; these sources were written or spoken from participants or observers in the historic event.

Examples include diaries, newspapers, letters, speeches, interviews, photographs, documents, artifacts.

**Secondary Sources** – sources written about an earlier time which add interpretation or analysis often based on primary sources.

Examples include books written by historians.

Students may *not* use tertiary sources such as textbooks or encyclopedias, including Wikipedia. Avoid .com, .org, and undocumented resources from the open web. Utilize the school's databases. Exceptions to the no .com rule includes newspapers, magazines, and school databases.

The paper will include:

- \* introductory paragraph
- \* multiple body paragraphs
- \* conclusion paragraph
- \* footnotes and a bibliography in the Turabian or Chicago style

### **Grading –**

The paper will be in the “Assessments” category. The optional rough draft is due **Mon. Dec. 16.** The final paper is due **Fri. Jan. 3.**

If you attempt to pass off someone else's work as your own, it is considered plagiarism. This includes copying ideas or words from another source and using them in your paper without proper citation. Direct quotes and paraphrased material must be cited. Any paper that is plagiarized in part or full will receive a zero.