

Honors American Studies I  
Independent Reading/Writing

Now that we have each read some piece of literature that corresponds to the historical content of this course (1600-1850), students will be required to write an analytical research paper that highlights some aspect of American history, literature, or culture.

There are two initial steps that need to be addressed:

Step 1: Topic choice.

Recommended: Base your research paper on the book that you read.

Alternative Option: Choose a new topic.

Step 2: Find sources.

Recommended: Find credible information about the time period that you read about. Ideally, find at least 3 other sources that correspond with your topic.

Alternative Option: Find credible information about some new topic that you chose. Ideally, find at least 3 other sources that correspond with some new aspect of America from 1600-1850.

Each week, students will complete a step in the research paper writing process and document that step in Google classroom. Students will receive a formative grade each week, and upon completion of the writing process, will receive a summative grade based on the School Wide Writing Rubric.