

Research Paper Important Dates:**Name:** _____

Day One and Two in Library	Introduce research paper and brainstorm topics Topic Selection ___ Points (5)
Feb 20, 2026	Notes Check, I will be looking at your notes for research, I'm checking for Sources (At this point you need a book and at LEAST 4 OTHER SOURCES) and organization to make sure you are organized! This will be done in class! ___ Points (10)
February 27 th	Outline due – <u>HARDCOPY or Submitted through Schoology!</u> ___ Points (20) <i>For this outline, you are REQUIRED to have a FULLY WRITTEN OUT historical context introduction, an analytical thesis statement, and paragraph themes FOR EACH SECTION OR topic sentences.. The more Detailed the outline is the better the grade...</i>
Week of March (2-6)	<u>Chance for me to look over your rough draft OPTIONAL!!!!</u>
March 13th MIDNIGHT If Late Automatic 10% Reduction and then 5% for each day its late!! DON'T BE LATE!!!!	<u>RESEARCH PAPER DUE and turned in to TURN IT IN!</u> <i>Double check! Do you have a cover page with you name and your "to what extent" question? Do you have your pages numbered? Do you have a works cited page? Is it in MLA format? Did you read your paper to check for any grammatical errors?</i>

In accordance with the Cherry Creek High School policy, if you are absent from school, your paper is still DUE on this day. If it is not turned in on time, it will be considered LATE.

Research Paper Format

Heading

- o Name, date, class period
- o “Research Question” topic typed and centered on first line after header

Essay

Section 1: An Introduction that includes both Historical Context and an analytical thesis.

Section 2: An overview over your topic itself (This is where your regurgitate facts about your topic)

Section 3: Counterargument

Section 4: The largest section should be an analysis HOW and WHY your position is correct. This should be the largest Section

Section 5: Conclusion: Tie it all up!

- o Double spaced (excluding your over page & works cited page)
- o Either 11 point Arial OR 12 point Times New Roman (no BOLD lettering)
- o 1 inch margins (this is the “normal” setting—do NOT adjust)
- o Left justified
- o Check for proper capitalization
- o Hit spell check. Proofread your paper. Have someone else also read it and make corrections.
- o Citations—are required for **ALL INFORMATION** that would not be considered common knowledge and is cited at the end of the sentence where you use outside information!!!! IT'S OKAY IF YOU CITE A LOT!!!
 - Parenthetical citations = (Last name/article title, page number). Example: (Smith 249).
 - Period is after the citation, outside of the parentheses

· Works Cited Page

- o Alphabetical order (do NOT count “the” in the title)
- o Hanging indent

Essay DON'TS:

- o Never start the essay with a quote! It needs historical context.
- o Don't ask the reader questions, even rhetorical ones! This is for the entire paper.
- o NO QUOTES!!! It just makes it look like you are filling in space. Instead, paraphrase and cite.

How to Succeed!!!

Plagiarism:

***A note about plagiarism: don't do it. Plagiarism is the act of taking the words, ideas, or research of another person and using them as if they were your own, without any citations. It is intellectual theft and a clear violation of the code of ethics and behavior expected of you at Cherry Creek.**

If you are caught plagiarizing, you will receive a zero on your paper, your parents will be notified, and the head of the Social Studies Department will be notified. Do not use paper or portions of a paper that you have already submitted to another class as a substitute for this paper. If you do this, or plagiarize, you will automatically be given a 0 for your paper.

YOU CAN DO IT!!!!