Research Paper in History

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Requirements:

1. **Proposal Sheet: Due Monday March 9th**

2. **Extended Outline:** Your extended outline will serve as the template you use to complete your final draft. The outline must be organized to best prove your thesis and must include specific information you plan to use in your paper. All information that is not your original thought must be referenced using Chicago style citations. **Due March 19th**

3. **Annotated Bibliography:** All of your sources must be presented in Chicago Style citation format accompanied by a small paragraph about how the source was useful to you. What did you learn from this source? How did it help you write your paper? **Due April 6th**

4. **Final Draft:** Final paper ready to be submitted. Proofread for errors and following all specific paper criteria. **Due April 6th**

   **Final Draft Criteria**
   a. 6-8 pages in length
   b. 12 size type/ Times New Roman Font
   c. 1 inch margins on all sides
   d. Name, Date, Class, Period- single spaced in the top left corner
   e. Title- centered on page one
   f. Double- Spaced
   g. Thesis statement underlined

5. **Abstract Paragraph:** An abstract is a summary of your research paper in a paragraph. An abstract expresses the main claim and argument of a paper (your thesis) and also concisely highlights or reviews the major points covered along with the content and scope of the writing. An abstract can also be a useful tool for writers to check that they have a clear grasp of their thesis and argument. It states everything of importance in a way that gives the reader a clear overview of what is contained in the paper. **Due April 6th**

**Paper Format Template**

This template can be helpful when you are organizing your outline and final draft. All papers will not look the same so feel free to use as much or as little of this template as you would like. However, it is expected that your paper be organized effectively.

**Introduction:** Introduce your topic, identify your thesis, explain your purpose, and set the scene for your paper.

**Background Information:** Provide pertinent background information to your topic. What information needs to be known by the reader to appreciate your research? All topics are
different, some old some new. That means that background information for your specific topic may be different than another topic. Significant events, people, and court decisions that impact your thesis must be described in this section.

Proof of Thesis: This is the bulk of your paper. Every effort should be made in this section to provide a thorough, accurate, and insightful answer to your essential question.

Conclusion: Tie all of your main ideas together. What do you want the reader to be left with?

Assessment

This research assignment is worth 180 points and is broken down into five separate grades.

1. Proposal Sheet- 15 points
2. Extended Outline- 30 points
3. Annotated Bibliography- 20 points
4. Final Draft- 100 points
5. Abstract Paragraph- 15 points