

US History Research

Objective:

I can research a historically relevant person or event in US History and prove an assertion about your topic.

The following project is not merely an assignment that requires you to research the life of an important person or an event in history. You will have to dig deeper and make an assertion about that person or event. This project requires you to prove something about your topic not just describe it.

Requirements:

Thesis Statement – What are you proving and how?

Outline

Research Paper

5 Paragraphs (Intro, Three Body Paragraphs, Conclusion)

2 Quotes per paragraph

Works Cited – 3 Sources; 1 Published

Guidelines:

1. Throughout the semester, we will go to the library to complete research for the paper.
2. Three sources must be used in your paper and appear on your works cited page. One source must be a published source. Websites must be from a credible source. If you are unsure check with me. **Do not use Wikipedia!**
3. Plagiarism will not be tolerated! If you plagiarize it will be an automatic zero.
4. Use your time wisely. Even though you have most of the semester to complete the project, the time will go fast. Remember, most of this paper will be completed outside of class.

Topics

You are not limited to the topics listed. If you have an idea, then talk to the teacher to be given permission.

Turn of Century America

Andrew Carnegie
John D. Rockefeller
J.P. Morgan
Homestead Steel Strike
Urban Planning

Ellis Island
William Tweed
Plessy vs. Ferguson
Jim Crow Laws
Immigration

Progressives

Teddy Roosevelt
William Taft
Woodrow Wilson
The Bull Moose Party
1912 Presidential Election

Upton Sinclair
National Park System
Women's Suffrage

World War I

Causes of WWI
Archduke Franz Ferdinand
Schlieffen Plan
Trench Warfare
World War I Technology
The Sinking of the Lusitania
The Zimmerman Telegram

The Homefront
Espionage and Sedition Act
The Treaty of Versailles
Wilson's 14 Points
The Bolshevik Revolution

The 1920s

Warren Harding
Calvin Coolidge
Henry Ford
Al Capone
Elliot Ness
Labor Unrest
The Red Scare

Prohibition
Baseball
Movies
Scopes Monkey Trial
Flappers
Sacco and Vanzetti
Ku Klux Klan

The Great Depression

Herbert Hoover
Franklin Delano Roosevelt
The Dust Bowl
Stock Market Crash
Psychological Impact of the Depression
The Bonus Army

The New Deal
Causes of the Depression

World War II

Benito Mussolini
Joseph Stalin
Adolf Hitler
Appeasement of Hitler
American Isolationism
The Blitzkrieg
Pearl Harbor
Battle of the Bulge
The Bataan Death March

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Winston Churchill
Internment Camps
The Holocaust
D-Day at Normandy
Battle of Okinawa
Battle of Iwo Jima
The Atomic Bomb
Rosie The Riveter

Cold War

Harry Truman
Dwight Eisenhower
John F. Kennedy
Lyndon Johnson
Richard Nixon
Berlin Airlift
Joseph Stalin
Mikhail Gorbachev
Joseph McCarthy

The Marshall Plan
Charlie Wilson
Applications of Containment
Nuclear Warfare
The Red Scare
The Korean War
Bay of Pigs/Cuban Missile Crisis
Berlin Wall
Soviet/Afghan War

1950s

1950s Economy
The Serviceman's Readjustment Act (GI Bill)
The Baby Boom
William J. Levitt (Suburban Housing Boom)
Rock n Roll

Teenage Culture
Elvis Presley
Role of Women
Impact of TV on Society
Conformity

Kennedy and Johnson

The 1960 Presidential Election
John F Kennedy – New Frontier
John F Kennedy – Scandals
John F Kennedy - Assassination

Lyndon Johnson – Great Society
Lyndon Johnson – Foreign Policy

The Vietnam War

French Indochina War
Ho Chi Minh
The Diem Regime
Lyndon Johnson – Foreign Policy
The Vietcong
Tonkin Gulf Incident

Operation Rolling Thunder
Battle of Ia Drang Valley
The Draft
The Tet Offensive
Richard Nixon – Vietnam Policy
My Lai Massacre

1960s Conflict

Emmett Till
Brown vs. Board of Education
Little Rock Nine
Montgomery Bus Boycott
Birmingham Protests
The Student Movement
The Counterculture
1968
The Summer of Love
Woodstock

March on Washington
Civil Rights Act of 1964
Martin Luther King Jr.
Malcolm X
Nonviolent Protest
Assassination of Bobby Kennedy
Chicago Democratic Convention
Kent State Shootings
University of California at Berkley
1968 Presidential Election

Nixon, Ford, & Carter (1970s)

Richard Nixon
Watergate
Gerald Ford
1970s economy (stagflation)

Iran Hostage Crisis
Apple Computers
Jimmy Carter

The Conservative Revolution (1980s)

Ronald Reagan
George Bush (41)
Reaganomics

Iran Contra Affair
Operation Desert Storm