

History 1301 Research Project Overview

The purpose of this research project is to enhance your abilities as a researcher, writer, editor, student, and future professional. You will be required to choose a historical topic and demonstrate what you have learned in your tenure as a student.

Learning Objectives:

1. Create an argument through the use of historical evidence.
2. Analyze and interpret primary and secondary sources.
3. Analyze the effects of historical, social, political, economic, cultural, and global forces on this period of United States history.

Minimum Requirements for the Paper

Minimum Word Length -	1500 words. This does not include citations or large quotes (above five lines). A penalty of 5 points for each 100 words below the minimum requirements
Citations -	All of your written work in this course will need to be cited in Chicago format. This format requires you to use footnotes, and there are materials in the Canvas course to assist you with this. No Citations = No Grade.
Sources -	Your paper must contain THREE PRIMARY and FOUR SECONDARY sources. The secondary sources must come from JSTOR. Do not use pop-history websites, like: history.com, pbs.org, wiki, or encyclopedias.
Use of Direct Quotes -	I LIMIT your paper to TWO DIRECT QUOTES. Five points will be deducted for each direct quote in excess of two.
Submission Formats -	The paper needs to be submitted in either ADOBE (PDF) or MSWORD. Canvas can not read Google Docs or Apple Pages.
Topic Selection -	The topic must be between 1607 and 1865. The topic must be about U.S. History The topic cannot be a biography Do not choose topics that are too broad, trying to discuss the entire Civil War in five pages would lack analysis.

Below you will find a step by step guide to assist you in developing your research project. **Steps listed in RED will require a submission.**

Step 1 – Topic Selection – You will submit your introduction paragraph and thesis for your Research Project. There is a file located in the Research Project Module to assist you with Topic Selection.

Step 2 – Research Journal Worksheet – I have provided a worksheet for you to keep track of your sources. You will fill out the worksheet and submit it with the minimum number of sources listed in the requirements.

Step 3 – Developing an Outline – Before you begin writing your paper you should create an outline of your ideas. You do not need to submit your outline.

Step 4 – Self Editing – Editing is its own part of the paper writing process. Make sure to finish your paper early enough to leave time for editing.

Step 5 – Research Paper Submission - When you have finished the editing process, you can submit your paper. Please submit your paper to the submission area located in the Research Project module, located on the Course Home page. See Image Below

⋮	Submission Areas	✓	⋮
⋮	 Topic Selection Jun 14 10 pts	✓	⋮
⋮	 Research Journal Submission Jun 21 25 pts	✓	⋮
⋮	 Submit Major Paper Jun 26 100 pts	✓	⋮
⋮	 Research Project Corrections Jul 10 15 pts	✓	⋮

Step 6 – Research Project Corrections - When your paper is returned to you, you will have the opportunity to make corrections. To view your instructor's comments, open the graded paper file from the submission area in Canvas