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Honors US History Term Paper Requirement

All students enrolled in Honors US History must complete a well-cited, analytical research paper. As you continue onward in education one of the skills expected for many students is the process of researching, citing, and formatting a formal research paper. Through the use of historic and scholarly research this project will increase your understanding of not only the proper research method but also your understanding of events and/or persons within American history.

Your research paper will be <u>6 to 8 pages in length</u> (exclusive of title page and bibliography). You are free to choose an American historical period/event to research. From that point you develop a question to answer. Your answer will be your thesis. You must use <u>at least 5 scholarly print sources</u>. You will complete this assignment in phases. Little class time will be devoted to the completion of this assignment. As an honors student, it is expected you will comply with all due dates listed below.

- Friday, Nov. 13
 - Your paper topic and the question you plan on answering is due (10 pts)
- Friday, Dec. 4
 - A tentative bibliography of 5 scholarly research sources is due (20pts)
- Monday, Dec. 14
 - Your paper's thesis is due (20pts)
- Friday, Jan. 8
 - A draft outline of your paper is due (we will discuss the format of the outline during class) (50pts)
- Monday, Feb. 22
 - Your final paper is due (200pts)

All together this research paper will count a total of <u>300 points</u> and will count toward your third quarter grade.