

Teacher: _____

Class Period: _____

History Day Project Paper Check-up

Student's Name: _____

Due: All sources in MLA format on new resources page (Graded)
Detailed outline of paper's content (see below)
Preliminary writing of introduction and conclusion

A paper is the traditional form of presenting historical research. Various types of creative writing (for example, fictional diaries, poems, etc.) are permitted, but must conform to all general and category rules. Your paper should be grammatically correct and well written. **Part II, Rules for all Categories (except for Rule 14), applies to papers.**

For a source citation to be annotated, answer at least two of the following questions in paragraph form: 1) What part of your project's subject matter did you find in this source? 2) What primary source information was in the source that you used in your project? 3) What information was unique from other sources you used? 4) If the judge wanted more information, what would they find in this source of interest? 5) In the process of history, what is the significance of this particular source?

Rule 1: Length Requirements The text of historical papers must be no less than 1,500 and no more than 2,500 words in length. Each word or number in the text of the paper counts as one word. The paper category 2,500 word limit does not apply to: notes, annotated bibliography, illustration captions, and supplemental/ appendix material. Appendix material must be directly referred to in the text of the paper. Extensive supplemental materials are inappropriate. Use of appendices should be very limited and may include photographs, maps, charts, graphs, but we strongly suggest no other supplemental materials.

Rule 2: Citations Citations—footnotes, endnotes or internal documentation—are required. Citations are used to credit the sources of specific ideas as well as direct quotations. Please note that an extensively annotated footnote should not be used to get around the word limit.

Rule 3: Preparation Requirements Papers must be typed, computer printed, or legibly handwritten in ink on plain, white 8.5 x 11-inch paper with 1-inch margins on all sides. Pages must be numbered consecutively and double-spaced with writing on one side and with no more than 12 characters per inch or no less than 10-point type. Papers must be stapled in the top left corner and should not be enclosed in any cover or binder. The title page should have no illustrations.

Rule 4: Number of Copies Four copies of the paper must be submitted, prior to the contest, with the appropriate entry form by the deadline established for the contest. Winning papers are sometimes published by contest officials; you must be prepared to give permission for such publication

Outline format

- 1) Section
 - i) Topic
 - (a) Explanation of why it is significant

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Resources (must be annotated)

These are not your only sources; only which sources you have used to start your research. ***All sources must be cited below in MLA format.*** (9-12) Req (7 Sources – 4 Primary); (7-8) Req (5 Sources – 2 Primary)

Primary

Secondary
