**Alexander Hamilton Research Paper**

**Overview: In the following essay the student will research and write about Alexander Hamilton and his role in shaping America’s early economic system.**

**Topic: Alexander Hamilton: Founder of America’s Economic System**

**Length: Whatever it takes (minimum of 12 pages).**

**Grading/Writing Format/Sourcing Format/Writing Rules: See Research Writing page on class website.**

**Paper Layout: Be sure to address each of the following topics in the order they are listed. Each topic should be given at least one paragraph consisting of a least four sentences along with a topic sentence. Some topics will require multiple paragraphs. Also, the paper should include and introduction and conclusion that includes at least four sentences.**

1. **What was it about Hamilton’s background that led him to becoming a major contributor to developing America’s economic system? (Consider the entirety of Hamilton’s life from childhood to the signing of the Constitution)**
2. **After the Revolution, discuss Hamilton’s views about the following topics: The Confederation Period, credit, taxes, a national bank, trade, and Great Britain.**
3. **Of Hamilton’s contribution to the *Federalist Papers*, explain how economics figured into his writings? Why do we consider Hamilton to be a leading Federalist leader?**
4. **Compare how Hamilton’s views on economic issues such as trade, credit, and taxes differed or was similar to the following individuals’ views: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison.**
5. **Hamilton greatly favored improving relations with Great Britain. Why? Be sure to address the following topics: trade, France, credit, and culture.**
6. **In your research you will come across two alternative ways of governance: Hamiltonian vs. Jeffersonian governance. Outline what it means to be a Hamiltonian or Jeffersonian.**
7. **Conclude your analysis by switching from writing in a past voice to an active voice. Reveal where you fall on the Hamiltonian/Jeffersonian spectrum. Do you fall in the middle, far to one side, or elsewhere?**

**Sources: *All* of the paper’s sources will be provide by the instructor. They will *all* be books of a secondary and primary source nature.**

**Annotated Bibliography: The student will annotate each secondary source. Directions will follow about how to wrote an annotation.**

**Final Layout of the Paper: Title page, paper, annotated bibliography.**