**Social Studies Research Paper**

**Introduction: Students will complete two research papers each semester. The papers will be worth approximately 130 points. To receive credit for the paper, the student must complete the entire paper. No partial credit will be given to incomplete papers.**

**What is the paper format? Papers must be in Times Roman Numeral 12 point font. Margins must be set at one inch. The paper will be double spaced. Page numbers will be located in the bottom right hand corner.**

**When are the papers due? Due dates will be determined at the beginning of each quarter.**

**How are the papers graded? Points are based on the following criteria: meeting the deadline, correct number of pages, title page, bibliography, correct spacing, inclusion of page numbers, proper sourcing, spelling, grammar, sentence fluency, & using the correct type & number of sources. (See Research Paper Grade Sheet Link)**

**What topics are eligible for research? Topics must first be approved by the instructor.**

**How many pages must the research paper be? Paper length is contingent upon grade level.**

* **7th grade—3 pages**
* **8th grade—4 pages**
* **9th grade—5 pages**
* **10th grade—6 pages**
* **11th grade—7 pages**
* **12th grade—8 pages**

**How is the research paper sourced? Students must use the Chicago Style source formatting.**

**What type of sources can be used for the paper? Students must use at least four different book sources, & their textbook. Students must use at least five different approved websites.**

* **Plagiarism will not be tolerated. If plagiarism is detected, the paper will be reviewed by additional certified staff to help determine the level of plagiarism. The paper could be given a zero.**
* **This is an excellent opportunity to practice writing a higher level paper. If you plan on attending college, you will write several papers with similar requirements as defined on this page. GOOD LUCK.**