



# CUI 4U1: Final Research Paper

*Preparing for post-secondary education*

Exploring Canadian History, Identity and Culture

The research paper is the most challenging task students encounter in senior history courses (as well as post-secondary programs). Writing a sound historical research essay requires an ability to carry out in-depth research, make effective notes, formulate and defend a clear thesis, apply critical, analytical and creative thinking skills, and organize information in a logical and coherent fashion. On top of all of this, a formal essay must be effectively written and accurately documented.

Students will select essay topics of particular interest to them. Select a topic carefully. Topics that focus on other disciplines or on current events are not likely to be approved – there must be appropriate research material available to you.

Maintaining a *Processfolio*

To ensure your greatest success and to safeguard against plagiarism, all students are advised to maintain a *Processfolio*. The *Processfolio* is a collection (in a folder) of work you complete as your essay progresses.

## Research Paper Specifications

Your research paper **MUST** adhere to the following specifications:

- ✓ 1500-2000 words
- ✓ double-spaced, typed 12-point, Times New Roman font OR Arial font
- ✓ Every page (except the cover page) must be numbered in the upper, right hand corner.
- ✓ Use properly formatted **FOOTNOTES (Chicago Style)**
- ✓ Have a bibliography in the MLA style that cites at least four academic books and **no more than two academic websites** (NOT Wikipedia!!).



## 2018 Research Paper Due Dates

Topic Proposal Due	Wednesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Thesis Statement handed in for evaluation	Friday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
Discussion of Research	May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2018 (Students are responsible to make their own appointments with Mr. Tidridge during class time, or lunch hour)
<b>FINAL COPY OF ESSAY DUE</b>	<b>11:59pm on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018</b>

## IMPORTANT

All papers must have a hardcopy AND an electronic copy submitted by the Due Date in order to be evaluated.

Electronic copies must be submitted via **THE HUB** to Mr. Tidridge no later than **11:59pm on May 25th, 2018**. Students may instead hand in a physical copy to Mr. Tidridge as long as it is in before the due date.

Once submitted, the papers will be forwarded to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) to be screened for plagiarism and/or formatting problems. If you have committed plagiarism your paper will be given an automatic zero and be referred to the Head of the History Department.