

CUY 4U1: Final Research Paper



Christophe crowned king of Hayti.

Preparing for post-secondary education – The Academic Research Paper

Exploring the World's 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

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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!!).

2019 Research Paper Due Dates

Topic Proposal Due (via the Hub)	March 6 th , 2020
Thesis Statement handed in (via the Hub) for evaluation	April 17 th , 2020
Discussion of Research	Throughout the Semester (Students are responsible to make their own appointments with Mr. Tidridge during class time, or lunch hour)
FINAL COPY OF ESSAY DUE	May 22 nd , 2020 @ 11:59pm (the Friday after Victoria Day)

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 to Mr. Tidridge using the HUB:



Once submitted, the papers will be forwarded to 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.

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