CUY 4U1: Final Research Paper

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 an essay topic of particular interest to them, within our course's time period, and write a paper arguing how their event/idea/person/place shaped/impacted the modern world. Select your 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.

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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 Chicago style that cites <u>at least four academic books and **only academic websites**</u> (<u>NOT Wikipedia!!</u>).
- ✓ **Any use of GenAI systems to produce this assignment, or any other for this course, is not permitted**.[1] All work submitted for evaluation must be the student's original work. The submission of any work containing AI generated content will be considered a violation of academic integrity will be given a "0" and the department and school administration will be consulted regarding next steps.

2024 Research Paper Due Dates

Topic Proposal Due	Flexible – consult with Mr Tidridge when you have a possible topic.
Thesis Statement handed in (via the Hub) for evaluation	April 5th, 2024
Discussion of Research	Throughout the semester (Students are responsible to make their own appointments with Mr. Tidridge during class time, or lunch)
FINAL COPY OF ESSAY DUE	**May 24th, 2024 (Queen Victoria's 205th birthday)**

IMPORTANT

All papers must be submitted to the HUB:

Once submitted, the papers will be screened for plagiarism and/or GenAI systems. If you have violated the academic integrity of this assignment, it will be given an automatic zero and be referred to the Department of Canadian and World Studies, as well as the school administration.

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[1] Generative artificial intelligence (Generative AI or GenAI) is a category of AI systems capable of generating text, images, or other media in response to prompts. These systems include ChatGPT and its variants Bing (built by OpenAI) and Bard (built by Google) among several others. Other Generative AI models include artificial intelligence art systems such as Stable Diffusion, Midjourney, and DALL-E. Source: Lakehead University

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