

CP World History Research Paper 2021

Introduction: Cherry Creek High School requires all sophomores to write a formal research paper in conjunction with their study of World History. The purpose of this assignment is to improve research, writing, organization and analytical skills in preparation for college. Because research papers are large projects, this assignment will be broken down into manageable steps as outlined below.

This essay will provide you an opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge of the primary and secondary source literature on a particular topic and to assess your writing proficiency and your analytical skills.

Topic: This year you will each receive a partial DBQ that includes: a prompt (“analyze to what extent”) and 2 primary source documents provided for you with proper MLA citations. You will be responsible for finding 2-3 other sources (primary or secondary) using the library. DBQ prompts will be handed out randomly, so you will not be allowed to choose.

Research Paper Dates:

Wednesday, November 10	DBQ prompts will be handed out and work in groups (in normal classroom)
Thursday, November 11	Computer Lab B —create outline
Friday, November 12	West Wing (library) Research—write thesis in outline
Monday, November 15	Computer Lab B —Research, work on outline
Tuesday, November 16	Computer Lab B —Research, work on outline
Wednesday, November 17	Computer Lab B —Research, work on outline
Thursday, November 18	Computer Lab B —Research, work on outline
Friday, November 19	Computer Lab B—Outline & Works Cited DUE AT END OF CLASS
Tuesday, November 30	Start typing research paper (in normal classroom)
Wednesday, December 1	Type research paper (in normal classroom) (finish research paper AT HOME)
Monday, December 6	Research paper due (with cover page & Works Cited Page) ☺ NO EXCUSES! (hard copy turned in during class) Must be turned in to Turnitin.com by 11:59pm

FINAL DRAFT DUE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

- Printed copy of your paper turned in at the beginning of class
- Submit it to Turnitin.com by 11:59pm December 6

NO EXCUSES!!!!!! In accordance with the Cherry Creek High School policy, if you are absent from school, your paper is still DUE on this day (see p. 14). If it is not turned in on time, it will be considered LATE: 10% off per day it is late. **TURN YOUR PAPER IN ON TIME!**

- * Extra credit (5 points) if it is turned in Friday, December 3.

Basic Requirements:

1. At least 2-3 additional sources (you can have more than this)
2. You **MUST** use the 2 sources provided for you in your outline and research paper
3. Typed outline with parenthetical documentation
4. Typed Final Draft

Sources: 4-5 sources

- 2 of these sources have been provided to you—see your DBQ prompt
- The other 2-3 sources may be print OR electronic: database, Ebooks
- Absolutely **NO WEBSITES!** You are **NOT ALLOWED TO GOOGLE THIS!**
 - Use our library provided databases and Ebooks for sources
- Use MLA format.

Research Paper Format:

- Cover Page (see format on my website)
- Essay
 - Well-written, unified, analytical essay, including an introduction, thesis and topic sentences, and a conclusion paragraph
 - **2-4 pages**, double spaced (excluding your cover page & works cited page) (the paper itself is NOT allowed to be longer than 5 pages)
 - **12 point font—Times New Roman** (no **BOLD** lettering)
 - 1 inch margins (this is the “normal” setting—do NOT make it bigger) or less
 - Left justified, **NEVER CENTER**
 - Check for proper capitalization.
 - **PROOFREAD YOUR PAPER!!!** Have someone else also read it and make corrections.
 - Citations—are required for ALL INFORMATION that would not be considered common knowledge.
Example: Julius Caesar was assassinated.—no citation
On March 15, 44 C.E. Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of Roman senators for fear of this growing power. The conspirators stabbed him 23 times while in the midst of the Roman senate (Whiting 40).
 - Parenthetical citations = (Last name page number). Example: (Smith 249).
Period is after the citation, outside of the parentheses.
- Works Cited Page
 - Eliminate ALL HYPERLINKS for digital sources!
 - Alphabetical order (Do NOT count “the” in the title)
 - Hanging indent
- Essay DON'TS:
 - Never start the essay with a quote! It needs context.
 - Don't ask the reader questions, even rhetorical ones! This is for the entire paper.
 - Don't quote very often!! It just makes it look like you are filling in space. Instead, paraphrase and cite. **ONLY THREE quotes TOTAL in your paper.**
 - No quote over FOUR lines!!!