

Research Paper Instructions

HIS102: History of Western Civilizations II (Summer 2020)

For History of Western Civilizations II in the Summer 2020 semester, you will be required to write a 3-5 page research paper. For this paper you will choose one of the topics we covered in class and provide more detailed information about that topic.

For the topic you choose you must discuss the following in your paper:

- the background causes of your topic; why it occurred**
- where and when it occurred**
- how regular people were affected in their everyday lives**
- what were the long-term impacts of the event**

You can discuss more areas than these, but you must cover at least these areas.

Sources

For the topic you choose, your textbook readings can be background information for your paper, but **since this is a research paper, you must find and use at least 3 sources from the [SCCC Library](#). The textbook does not count as one of the three required sources!** You can contact a SCCC librarian (email or virtual chat) to help you research your paper. They offer virtual assistance/appointments and are extremely helpful. Please come to me if you need help setting up an appointment with a librarian. If you want to use more than three sources, that's fine, but you have to have at least these three from the SCCC library. Please note: **You cannot use any random website! Any online articles you use must be from the SCCC Library databases.**

In the final paper I will be looking for **references from your sources** that support your points/arguments. Please use your sources wisely, and feel free to incorporate primary sources. If you choose to use primary sources, they must be in addition to your 3 secondary sources.

The final paper must be 3-5 pages long. The paper can be longer, but shorter papers will be penalized. I will read and briefly comment on rough drafts if you email them to me.

Papers will be graded based on the following criteria: First, there should be an introductory paragraph where you briefly talk about the topic you picked and what you plan to cover. Second, in the body of the paper, you should have at least a paragraph

on each of the areas listed above, for example why it occurred, where and when, etc. **In these paragraphs you should reference your sources with proper citations.** Finally, you should have a conclusion where you sum everything up. I will deduct points for an excess of grammar and spelling errors, so please utilize the [SCCC Writing Center Online Tutoring Service](#). In addition, **you also need to have a works cited page at the end** where you list all the sources you used.

If you have any questions, let me know via email. Good luck!

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