

The research paper will allow you to develop a **more complete understanding of the specific topical area that you have chosen.**

Although the way that you decide to convey the information is up to you, remember that these papers will be graded on **content, style, grammar, writing ability, and thoroughness of research**—so by following the instruction detailed below you will save yourself a lot of frustration. Please have someone proofread your paper before handing it in. This will save you time and points. This is an upper level college course and you will be expected to write well. If you have any questions regarding the research paper, please see me ahead of time. Coming to me at the last minute with problems is not a good idea.

NOW.....

Research vs Historical Papers

Research papers address a specific research question, either through the analysis of data you compile (analytical paper) or through the comparison of the results of current research (comparative paper).

Alternately, historical accounts typically "tell the story". While historical papers may appear easier to complete, they require much

more reading—often from book and journals not available in our library.

.....Regardless of the paper type you choose to do; start early, determine what materials you will need, and if our library doesn't have them use inter-library loan. Remember that inter-library loan may take some time!!! Below are the general formats for each type of paper:

Analytical and Comparative Format Historical Format

Introduction Introduction

Description of the topic Description of the topic

Clearly stated research question Clearly stated historical issue or question

Relevant Current / Historic Research Relevant Historic Works

Review of past or current work Review of past work

Analysis Description of the historical context

For Analytical Papers: Historical outcome

Description of the data Summary

Description of methodology How topic relates to current issues

Results of analysis References Cited

For Comparative Papers:

General finding among researchers

Comparison of the various results

Problems and/or key issues

Discussion

Observations concerning the results

Conclusions

References Cited

I want to see your analysis of the topic along with additional research you have found related to it.....Take an approach on the topic!

Prepare a powerpoint and abstract to turn for final project.

