Modern European History

Unit 7 - WWII

Research Paper: Rough Draft Guidelines

**Writing A Research Paper**

When creating a research paper, you read and analyze historical records, assimilate and synthesize information from multiple sources, and then write an essay using this information. It gives you the chance to showcase your ability to assess the value of a variety of documents and the emphasis is on analysis and synthesis, not historical narrative; you will not just list all the information you’ve learned about your subject, you will use the information you’ve learned to support your answer to a specific essay prompt.

**Format Expectations**

Google Doc shared with Mrs. Wagner that is titled **FIRST NAME LAST NAME ROUGH DRAFT**

complete sentences in paragraph form with correct spelling and grammar

no less than 1,500 words; no more than 2,000 words

written in double-spaced 12 pt. Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins on all four sides

uses and correctly cites at least **FIVE** sources in roughly equal proportions (NOT Wikipedia)

web sources must be different websites, not just different webpages from the same site

includes title page:

title centered a third of the way down the page; another third down is your name; next line down is the class name; next line down is the date

includes single-spaced works cited page at the end of the essay with entries are listed in alphabetical order

**Suggestions for writing your essay:**

you MUST include footnotes or you will need to revise your work

argument paragraphs contain at least two pieces of evidence (can be more) that accurately support the argument

do not use first person (I, we), absolutes (always, never), or contractions (don’t, can’t)

quotes cannot be longer than two lines of text and must be cited

spell out numbers that can be expressed in one or two words; write others numerically

INCORRECT: “one thousand two hundred and one”

CORRECT: *“ten”* “*one hundred” “1,201”*

always use the Oxford comma:

INCORRECT: “*I love my parents, Lady Gaga and Harry Potter.”*

CORRECT: “*I love my parents, Lady Gaga, and Harry Potter.”*

**This assignment will count as one 50-point EXAM grade.**

**Rough Draft Classwork Dates: Black 3-4 & 7-8:     Thursday, 5/25 & Tuesday, 5/30**

**Orange 3-4:            Friday, 5/26 & Wednesday, 5/31**

**Peer Edited Rough Draft Due:              Black 3-4 & 7-8:     Thursday, 6/1**

**Orange 3-4:            Friday, 6/2**

***Just FYI:***

***Research Paper Final Draft Due: Black 3-4 & 7-8:     Tuesday, 6/13***

***Orange 3-4:            Wednesday, 6/14***