Modern European History

WWII Research Project

Topic Proposal Assignment

**Your First Task: Topic Proposal**

The initial research project exercise will be a general fact-finding mission about your topic that will answer these questions:

What is your topic?

this is a general identification using cited sources

Why is your topic important to know?

this will be your opinion but based on information from sources you’ve consulted

**Format**

Google Doc shared with Mrs. Wagner

complete sentences in paragraph form

correct spelling and grammar

no less than 500 words; no more than 750 words

12 pt. Times New Roman, double-spaced

1-inch margins, all four sides

at least **THREE** sources used and correctly cited\*

**Points to remember:**

do not use first person (I, we, us)

do not use absolutes (always, never, every, etc.) unless you are 100% certain they are true

do not use contractions (don’t, isn’t, etc.) - this is not a text, email, or social media post

**Rubric**

To what extent does your topic proposal

include a good general identification of the topic? \_\_\_\_\_

explain why this topic important? \_\_\_\_\_

include information from at least three sources? \_\_\_\_\_

appear in complete sentences in paragraph form? \_\_\_\_\_

use correct spelling and grammar? \_\_\_\_\_

adhere to the word count? (≥ 500 words; ≤ 750 words) \_\_\_\_\_

use 12 pt. Times New Roman in double-spaced text? \_\_\_\_\_

include 1-inch margins on all four sides? \_\_\_\_\_

correctly footnote sources in Chicago Style format? \_\_\_\_\_

**This assignment will count as one 100-point QUIZ grade.**

**Rough Draft Due: Black Day Classes: Tuesday, 5/9**

**Orange Day Classes: Wednesday, 5/10**

**Final Draft Due: Black Day Classes: Thursday, 5/11**

**Orange Day Classes: Friday, 5/12**

\*cited in Chicago Manual of Style format with footnotes of sources