

# Seventh Grade American History

## *Research Paper 3 Guidelines*

### **Assignment:**

Your assignment is to compose a research paper on *one* of the topics listed below.

1. Why was slave trading not stopped earlier?
2. Which US Constitutional right is the most important and why?
3. Was Andrew Jackson a great president?
4. How successful was the Underground Railroad?
5. Did slavery cause the Civil War?

### **Your paper must include:**

- a thesis statement in the first paragraph
- at least three sources, one of which must be a book other than your textbook (although you may access Wikipedia to gain general information about your subject, this may NOT be used as one of your sources).
- a works cited page (use the MLA citation method as taught in Mrs. Rozgowski's class.)
- The rubric with items circled
- Completed checklist
- *The rough draft will be turned in again with the final.*

### **Your paper must be:**

- between three and five pages, typed.
- in MLA format: 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, paragraphs indented to ½ inch (or five spaces)
- neat, well-organized, informative, and error-free

### **Schedule:**

Tuesday 2/25: Outline Due

Friday 3/6: Draft 1 Due

- *Must be double-spaced or it will have to be redone.*
- *Can be typed or neatly written in cursive.*

Friday 3/20: Final Due

- *Must include rubric, completed checklist, and rough draft.*

***Late submissions of the final paper will not be accepted unless there are extraordinary circumstances.\****



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\* e.g. illness, injury, death in the family, etc. Assignments submitted late due to an illness will require a note from the parents.

# Checklist

***Directions: Place your initials on the line next to each item below to ensure that your assignment is done properly. This checklist must be completed and submitted with the assignment to receive full credit.***

- The assignment has been checked for spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors: \_\_\_\_\_
- The assignment is between three and five pages: \_\_\_\_\_
- The assignment is typed: \_\_\_\_\_
- The body of the assignment is in MLA format: \_\_\_\_\_
- At least three sources are used, including one or more books: \_\_\_\_\_
- All sources are properly cited within the text of the paper: \_\_\_\_\_
- A works cited page is included: \_\_\_\_\_
- Items on the works cited page are properly formatted: \_\_\_\_\_
- The rubrics sheet is completed and attached to the assignment: \_\_\_\_\_
- All items above are initialed: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_