Basic Guidelines for the Final Paper

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1) The paper will consist of five different topics that fit within the scope (time frame) of the class being studied.

2) Each topic will consist of roughly two pages of text. This will lead to a ten page paper. If you wish to go the extra mile, add a sixth section that ties your five topics together. This will demonstrate a critical thinking of the topics chosen, and how they relate to the world they were in and our world today.

3) The font WILL be Times New Roman in 12 point size, double spaced with standard margins.

4) You will have at LEAST three physical books that you can hold in your hands. NOT just eBooks (though they are allowed and can be a part of your electronic sources) but books with a binding from a publisher. Since you have five topics in your paper and it would be assumed more than one source per topic (though not required) this should not be an issue.

5) When quotes are used and information not considered to be general knowledge, citations will be inserted. Quotes will be within quotation marks. When you come up with numbers and statistics, this is included with this requirement. Show me where you found the information. This is just how it is done folks.

6) The style of MLA will be used for citation and the Works Cited page. For those of you going into the History disciplines, You WILL use Chicago style. This will be expected of you in the History fields when you continue on in your education. See me independently and I will assist you with this.

7) You will have a work cited page letting me know where you got your sources from. Show me you have been to a library and understand how you can make use of the resources provided. There are plenty there for you to make use of. This page will be split into two different sections, Books and Electronic Sources.

8) If you do not have a style guide to assist you with the writing of your paper…get one. It will only help you.

9) When you have “completed” your paper, take it to the Learning Center to have someone review your writing. They WILL pick up on thing you have missed. Read your paper aloud to yourself, it will pick up on errors you did not pick up on earlier.

10) Your name, the class you are in, the due date, and the name of your professor will be in a block in the upper right hand corner of the page. Your title for the paper will be below this block and centered in 14 size font and Bold.