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| WWII Research Paper |

***Common Core State Standards: WHST 9-10 W.7. Conduct a sustained research project to answer a question or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.***

 **Research Prompt:**  Choose a person or event from WWII and write a research paper explaining the topic and its’ significance to the war. Evaluate **4-5 *different sources*** on the topic and decide why this event/person was significant to WWII. After this you will write a **3-page research** paper explaining your event/person/group and the significance of your topic. Your paper must include facts from your sources and in-text citations that help explain your topic.

**Format:**

* **3 full pages with a separate Works Cited page (4 pages total)**
* **MLA research paper format (use** <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/13/> **for an example of MLA format)**
* **Parenthetical citations in text**
* **Third person research POV (do not use “I” or “my”)**

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| **Introduction: (1 Paragraph)*** **Hook – grab the reader’s attention**
* **Introduce the historical topic**
	+ **This lets the reader know what issue your paper is on**
* **Thesis Statement**
	+ **Why was this person/event/group so important to WWII?**
* **Concluding sentence**
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| **Background:** * **Explain the background that the reader needs to understand your topic. Some ideas of questions you may want to address in this section are:**
	+ **What major events were happening in the war just around the time of this event?**
	+ **Were there any political or social issues that influenced this event/person/group?**
	+ **Who was winning at this time in the war and why?**
	+ **What challenges were leaders/soldiers/citizens facing at this time?**
	+ **If you are researching a person – What is their background? How did they get involved in WWII?**
	+ **Are there any people or programs that the reader needs to know about to understand the topic?**
* **YOU DO NOT NEED TO ANSWER ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS IN THE BACKGROUND SECTION. Also, these are not the only question you can discuss – just think about what the reader needs to know before you can explain your topic.**
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| **Explanation of Topic (this should be the biggest portion of your paper):*** **Explain your topic using the information you learned from your research**
* **Facts should be explained in Chronological order (like a timeline in the order they happened)**
* **Need to focus on the most important details – You will not be able to explain everything you know in only 3 pages. Think about what information the reader needs to know to understand the topic**
* **Make sure to focus on details that can help you later explain the significance of your event/person to WWII**
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| **Significance of the Topic:*** **Explain why your topic was so important to WWII or to history**
* **Think about the following questions for the significance:**
	+ **How did this event/person/group influence the war? (can be in a good or bad way)**
	+ **How might the war have been different without this event/person?**
	+ **Would history have changed without this event/person?**
	+ **What can we learn from this event/person?**
* **Again, YOU DO NOT NEED TO ANSWER ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS IN THE BACKGROUND SECTION. Think about what is most relevant for your topic based on what you learned from your research.**
* **End the paper with a concluding thought about your person or event that helps the reader remember why they are so important**
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| **Works Cited:*** **Minimum of 4 sources**
* **All sources should be listed on the Works Cited page in MLA format**
* **Internet sources must be credible – make sure to analyze each source to determine credibility (look at the author, organization of website, if there is a works cited, overall quality of website, etc.)**
* **Wikipedia should not be used as a source**
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**Due Dates (All Assignments submitted on Google Classroom):**

1. **Topic selection**: Friday April 21
2. **Research Notes and Works Cited in MLA Format:** Friday, May 5
3. **Full Rough Draft of Paper with Works Cited page:** Tuesday May 16
4. **Final Copy of Research Paper with Works Cited Page**: Wednesday May 24