

**ANALYTICAL RESEARCH PAPER**  
**U.S. HISTORY 9**  
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**ASSIGNMENT:** Topics on recent American history from the Issues and Controversies in American History database will be chosen during class time. In the library media center, you will find four primary documents related to the issue you choose. We will have several class periods to do research, but much of your research will be outside of class. The finished product will be a four-page analytical research paper that includes all elements of the rubric below. **You will need to attach this rubric to the front of your paper.** Parenthetical citations must be used to cite sources. Papers must include a formal bibliography (works cited). All papers will be submitted in print and also submitted to turnitin.com. Besides the points you receive for the finished paper, there will be an outline assignment during the research process that will also be worth points. Deadlines and due dates are on the next page.

**RUBRIC:**

- \_\_\_\_\_/5      Appropriate MLA formatting is used for name, title and headers (see MLA sample paper in Library Research and Style Guide).
- \_\_\_\_\_/10     The paper has an excellent introduction that includes a setting of the scene for the topic and ends with an analytical thesis statement.
- \_\_\_\_\_/50     The paper has a sufficient number of body paragraphs to effectively support the position taken in the thesis statement. All body paragraphs are well structured. Insightful and relevant examples are used to develop body paragraphs.
- \_\_\_\_\_/10     The paper includes an appropriate conclusion.
- \_\_\_\_\_/15     All four primary documents are effectively integrated into the paper. Parenthetical Citations are accurately used to reference various sources.
- \_\_\_\_\_/10     A formal bibliography that includes at least five sources is included.
- \_\_\_\_\_/10     The paper has flawless spelling and grammar.
- \_\_\_\_\_/5      The paper was submitted to turnitin.com in a timely manner.
- \_\_\_\_\_/115    Total

***\*IMPORTANT DATES\****

**Thursday, 1/9:** Choose your topic

**Monday, 1/13:** Lab B (LMC-Library Media Center)

**Tuesday, 1/14:** West Wing (LMC)

**Wednesday, 10/15:** Lab A (LMC)

**Thursday, 1/16:** Lab B (LMC)

**Friday, 1/24:** Outline is due

**Wednesday, 2/5:** Research Paper is due! (Hard copy & copy submitted to turnitin.com)