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You must use at least 3 different sources including at least 1 book for your paper.

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#### **Paper Specifications**

- 1) Your paper must be **typed** and **double spaced** only and be at least **800** words in length.
- 2) You must submit a typed Bibliography using Chicago citation style for the

sources used for writing your paper. This can be created using easybib.com



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3)You paper must contain at least 5-7 footnotes, citing the information used to write your thesis question. This must also using Chicago style citation.

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Research paper is due Monday April 13th

Ways paper can be submitted:

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- 3) file burned on a cd

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#### U.S. History Research Paper

The following is a list of possible research paper topics. A research paper is not a report. Instead, it must deal with a specific issue, and should prove a specific thesis. Your thesis statement must deal with an interpretation of the topic and is not a

simple report! For example, if you choose the American Revolutionary War as your topic, do not write a report describing the events of the war. Instead, you must develop a thesis that will lead you through an analysis, such as the causes of the American Revolutionary War, which is open to interpretation. Remember to be as specific as possible when writing your thesis.

#### Possible Topics/Thesis questions

thesis- a statement or theory that is put forward as a premise to be maintained or proved.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*All Bold and Underlined Questions are thesis questions to be answered

- 1). American Revolution: What were the key causes? What was the role of Thomas Paine's Common Sense in promoting the movement for independence? Why did the American Revolution happen?
- 2). American Revolution: What factors contributed to an American victory? Why were the Americans successful in their Revolution?
- 3) The United States Constitution: How did it remedy the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
- 4). The United States Constitution: Did the framers really represent the American people? (Aristocracy or Democracy?)
- 5). Federalists vs. Anti-federalists: What were the main arguments prior to ratification of the Constitution? What was the outcome of the debate? <u>How were the Federalists and Anti-Federalists different?</u>
- 6). The Whiskey Rebellion of 1794: What were the causes and effects? <u>How did the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794 impact America?</u>
- 7). Marbury v. Madison: What was the impact of this case on the American judicial system? **How did Marbury v. Madison impact the American judicial system?**
- 8). Cotton gin: What was its impact on the American economy and the use of slaves labor on plantations in the South? **How did the cotton gin change plantations in the South?**
- 9). Indian Removal Act: What were the reasons for its passage? What was the impact of the Trail of Tears that resulted? **How did the Indian Removal Act impact Native Americans?**
- 10). Mexican War: What were the causes and/or effects? Did the U.S. provoke the war? **How did the Mexican American War impact American History?**
- 11). Manifest Destiny: What were the causes of westward expansion? <u>How did America achieve Manifest Destiny?</u>
- 12). Oregon Trail: Why was the motivation to move to the West so strong that people were

#### willing to take enormous risks?

- 13). Gold Rush: What was its impact on the development of California? **How did the Gold Rush impact California?**
- 14). Slavery: What was its impact on the economy of the South? What were its effects on

## African American families? <u>How did slavery impact African American families</u> <u>living in the South?</u>

15) Lincoln-Douglas debates: Compare and contrast the views of each regarding slavery and

# governmental power. What was the impact of the debates? How were the Lincoln Douglas similar and different in their views regarding slavery and government power?

16). Abolitionist movement in the United States: Who were the key leaders, and what were

their contributions? What was the impact on the tensions leading to the Civil War? How did the abolitionist movement lead to the Civil War?

- 17). The Underground Railroad: What were the methods used? What was the impact? How did the Underground Railroad impact U.S. history?
- 18). Pre-Civil War conflicts over slavery: What were the causes and effects of John Brown's

raid on Harpers Ferry? Pre-Civil War conflicts over slavery: What were the causes and effects of the Nat Turner Rebellion? Why did conflicts occur before the Civil

19). Dred Scott decision: What was its impact on the slavery issue? **How did the Dred Scott decision impact slavery?** 

- 20). Civil War: What were the key issues that caused conflict between North and South? (Remember that there were many sectional differences in addition to slavery.) Why did the Civil War take place?
- 21). Civil War: What were the strengths and weaknesses of the North and the South, and how did these factors contribute to the outcome of the war? (Especially focus on economic factors.) Why did the North win the Civil War? or Why did the South lose the Civil War? 22) Civil War: Why did Lincoln issue the Emancipation Proclamation? How did it

influence the decision of European nations not to recognize the Confederacy? How did the

**Emancipation Proclamation impact the United States?** 

- 23). Women in the Civil War: How did they contribute? **How did women contribute during the Civil** War?
- 24) African American soldiers in the Civil War: How did they contribute? What kind of discrimination did they face in the Union army? **How did African American soldiers impact the Civil War?**
- 25). Abraham Lincoln's assassination: What did Booth and his co-conspirators hope to achieve? How did Lincoln's assassination impact the reconstruction of the nation after the Civil War? Was Mary Surratt actually a part of the conspiracy? How did Lincoln's assassination impact the United States?
- 26). African Americans after the Civil War: How were they affected by Reconstruction policies? How were they affected after the return of white supremacy? Discuss social, legal, and economic factors. **How did Reconstruction impact African Americans?**
- 27). New York draft riots during the Civil War: What were the causes? What were the effects? **How did the New York draft riots impact New York?**
- 28). Transcontinental railroad: What was its impact on westward expansion? <u>How did the transcontinental railroad impact westward expansion?</u>
- 29) United States and Native American policy: What was the impact of the Dawes Act and/or other pieces of legislation? What was the impact of the reservation policy? **How did the Dawes Act impact Native Americans?**
- 30). Electric power and related inventors: Analyze the impact of the harnessing of electric power and/or discuss the competition among the inventors who played a role (e.g.: Edison,

Tesla, Westinghouse) How did electric power change the United States?

- 31). Inventors/inventions of the 19th Century: <u>Choose a significant inventor or invention and examine the challenges of developing the item or the impact of the invention on the American society/economy.</u>
- 32). Were wealthy industrialists in the late 1800s: "Robber Barons" or "Captains of Industry"?
- 33). The Gilded Age: Discuss the origin of the term and why it is an appropriate metaphor for the United States in the late 1800s. <u>Is the "Gilded Age" a proper metaphor for the United States in the late 1800's?</u>
- 34) Labor unions in the 1800s: What economic, social, and philosophical factors contributed to their formation? Why were labor unions in the 1800's established in the United States?
- 35) Labor conflicts/strikes in the late 1800s: What was the federal government's attitude toward organized labor, and how and when did it change? **How did the federal government react to organized labor?**
- 36). Haymarket Riot: What were the causes and effects? **How did the Haymarket Riot impact United States history?**
- 37) Pullman Strike: What were the causes and effects? <u>How did the Pullman Strike impact United States history?</u>
- 38) Immigration in the late 1800s: What were the difficulties faced by immigrants, and how did they adjust to life in America?
- 39) Immigration in the late 1800s: Discuss the "melting pot" vs. "salad bowl" metaphors. Why is immigration considered a "melting pot" and "salad bowl"?
- 40). Chinese immigrants: Why did they come to the U.S.? What discrimination did they face? (Chinese Exclusion Act) **How were Chinese immigrants treated in the United States?**
- 41). The political cartoons of Thomas Nast: What was their influence on public opinion? How did they contribute to the downfall of Boss Tweed? **Why was Thomas Nast important?**



- 42). Settlement house movement of the late 1800s: What prompted the development of the movement? What was its impact on urban neighborhoods? Specify area (e.g.: Chicago's Hull House) How did the settlement house movement of the late 1800's impact the neighborhoods in Illinois?
- 43). Child labor in the late 1800s/ early 1900s: What was the impact on society? How were reforms made? Why was child labor an important issue in the late 1800's/early 1900's?
- 44). Galveston hurricane of 1900: What were the effects on the city? How did city government change after the hurricane? **How did the Galveston hurricane change government?**
- 45). The San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906: What were the effects on the city, especially on the Chinese residents? **How did the San Francisco earthquake impact the city and Chinese?**
- 46). Muckrakers: What was the impact of this journalism on progressive reforms? How did the muckrakers impact journalism and Progressive Reforms?
- 47)Imperialism in the late 19th and early 20th Century: Was it justified? (Focus on one
- region.) Why did the U.S. participate in imperialism in the late 19th and early 20th century?
- 48). Yellow journalism: What was its role in causing the Spanish-American War? (Hearst and
- Pulitzer) How did yellow journalism cause the Spanish American War?
- 49). Spanish-American War: What were the causes and/or effects? <u>How did the Spanish American War impact U.S. history?</u>
- 50). The automobile: What was its impact on America's economy and society? **How did the automobile impact** the United States?
- 51). World War I: What were the reasons for U.S. involvement? Why did the U.S. enter World War 1?
- 52). Anti-German sentiment in the United States during World War I: What policies were developed as a result? What was the impact on German-Americans? **How did U.S involvement in World**

#### War 1 impact German-Americans?

- 53). Black Sox scandal: What caused the players to participate? Was "Shoeless Joe" Jackson part of the conspiracy? Why did the Black Sox scandal occur?
- 54). \*Women's suffrage movement: Who were the founders and what methods did they use?
- What were their successes and/or failures? How did women's suffrage impact the Untied States?
- 55). Red Scare of the 1920s: What were the causes? What was the impact on immigrants
- and/or radicals? What was the role of A. Mitchell Palmer and/or J. Edgar Hoover? <u>How did the Red Scare impact United States history?</u>
- 56) Sacco-Vanzetti case: What role did discrimination play in the trial and verdict? **How did discrimination impact the Sacco-Vanzetti case?**
- 57)Prohibition: What were the causes? What was its impact on the development of organized crime? **How did Prohibition impact the United States?**
- 58) Harlem Renaissance: What were the causes? What were the effects? **How did the Harlem** Renaissance impact the United States?
- 59) . Mississippi River Flood of 1927: How did it affect farmers? How did it impact racial issues in the South? What was the government response? <u>How did the Mississippi flood impact the Southern part of the United Staes?</u>
- 60) Stock market crash of 1929: What economic factors caused it? Why did the Stock Market crash in 1929?
- 61)The Bonus Army: What prompted this protest? What was the outcome and impact? How did the

#### **Bonus army impact United States history?**

- 62) Dust Bowl of the 1930s: What were the causes and/or effects? **How did the Dust Bowl impact United States history?**
- 63) New Deal: What was its impact on the arts? What was its impact on farming? (Or choose another area) **How did the New Deal impact the United States?**
- 64) Tuskegee Airmen: What obstacles did they face? How did they influence the struggle for African American rights? Why were the Tuskegee Airmen important?



## **Research Paper Scoring Rubric**

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Thesis is Clearly Stated	Paper has a clear & intriguing thesis. Clearly stated in the introductory paragraph. The reader is eager to read more about the topic.	Paper states a thesis clearly within the first paragraph. Readeris able to make assumptions about the content.	Thesis is stated in the paper but it is difficult to find. Reader is not sure what this paper will be discussing.	Thesis is located somewhere in the paper. The reader is not clear what the writer is going to discuss.	What thesis?
	Paper is well organized. It reveals facts & details discovered during research. All of the facts & details support the thesis in an orderly manner. The reader reads on with joy.	Paper is organized. It reveals facts & details from research. Most information supports thesis and is logically stated.	Organization is rough but workable. Author reports on facts and details, but does not tie the information together. The information does not always support the thesis.	Writing is aimless and disorganized. It makes sense one moment and then loses focus. The facts & details do not support the thesis statement.	I'm suppose to be organized?
Interpreting & Analyzing	Writing sounds as if author wrote it. Research It reflects researched information reported in author's writing style. No plagiarism. Three references cited.	Writing mostly sounds as if author wrote it - reflects research information reported in author's writing style. No plagiarism. Some references citied.	Writing is bland or mechanical. It reflects researched information not written in author's own words. Some references cited.	There are a few parts where the author's voice is audible, but it sounds as if the researched information is being quoted. Less than 3 references.	i'm suppose to interpret and analyze?
Observations & Conclusions	Observations & conclusions are clearly stated and critical. Author has made personal connections to help the reader understand the significance of the topic.	Observations and conclusion are well written. There is some attempt to make personal connections.	Observations and conclusions are present, but lack depth & understanding. There is little attempt to make personal connections.	Observations are unclear. The reader is confused. There is an attempt to provide a conclusion; however, it is weak. The author makes no personal connections.	Minimal observations No conclusions
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Conventions	Author has used correct paragraph form - grammar, capitals, spelling and punctuation. There is evidence of proofreading.	Author made a few minor errors. Generally good paragraph form & mechanics. Author made a few errors in punctuation. Evidence of proofreading.	Author made some errors - reader is distracted by them. More proofreading was necessary.	The author made many errors. The number of errors made it difficult to read. The number of errors suggests no proofreading.	Spell check was a mystery button on the computer.

## **Research Resources**

#### Social Studies

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#### 2 Citation Tool

EasyBib

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Create an account by signing up with the coupon code cardozo



#### 3 Online Encyclopedias

WORLD BOOK ONLINE: (General Encyclopedia)
Web Address: <a href="http://www.worldbookonline.com">http://www.worldbookonline.com</a>
Login ID: dozohigh Password: dozohigh

#### GROLIER ONLINE

(Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia and New Book of Knowledge)

Web Address: <a href="http://go-passport.grolier.com">http://go-passport.grolier.com</a>
Username: novel8 Password: novel

#### 4 Library Databases

- 1. Go to the school website http://www.cardozohigh.com/
- 2. Click on the Library link on the left.
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- 1. Click on NOVEL databases.
- 2. To access from home the password is: empirelink

#### 5 Gale Virtual Reference Library

Gale Virtual Reference Library is a database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research.

http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=GVRL&u=nysl\_me\_77\_bnchs&authCount=1

#### U.S History Collection

Provides access to scholarly journals and magazines useful to both novice historians as well as advanced academic researchers. The database offers balanced coverage of events in U.S. history and scholarly work being established in the field. http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=PPUS&u=nysl\_me\_77\_bnchs&authCount=1

#### 7 Biography in Context

An engaging online experience for those seeking contextual information on the world's most influential people. It merges Gale's authoritative reference content (including Lives & Perspectives) with periodicals and multimedia organized into a user-friendly portal experience while also allowing users to search for people based on name, occupation,

nationality, ethnicity, birth/death dates and places, or gender as well as keyword and full text.

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#### 8 JSTOR

Collection of scholarly articles from journals, primary sources, and books.  $\underline{\text{https://www.jstor.org/action/showLogin}}$ 

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940's History of Europe

950's History of Asia

960's History of Africa

970's History of North America

980's History of South America



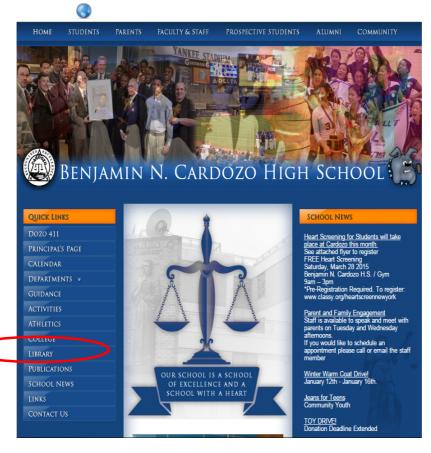


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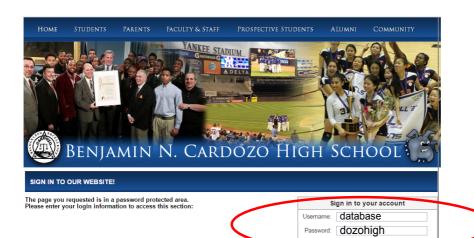
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