

*Your research assignment for the second quarter is to write a formal paper using an AP-style topic. The guidelines that you have received for previous essays still apply. This paper should have a well-developed thesis, adequate and specific evidence, and analysis. Please see me if you have any questions.*

***This assignment will count twice in the paper/essay category (25% grading weight).***

**TOPIC OPTIONS:**

**Option # 1** – Analyze the ways in which African Americans created a distinctive culture in slavery. In this analysis, you must address the following topics: Family, Music, Oral Traditions and Religion

**Option # 2** – How did the Second Great Awakening in the North influence reform movements in the antebellum period and how is this related to the “Era of the Common Man”? In this analysis, be sure to address major reform movements and directly connect the influence of the Second Great Awakening on their development.

**Option # 3** – The Jacksonian Period (1824-1848) has been celebrated as the “Era of the Common Man.” To what extent did the period live up to its characterization? In your analysis, discuss economic developments, politics, and reform movements.

**Option # 4** – In what ways and to what extent was industrial development from 1800 to 1860 a factor in the relationship between northern and southern states? (Be sure to cite specific examples in your paper)

**Option # 5** – To what extent did the debates about the Mexican War and its aftermath reflect the sectional interests of New Englanders, westerners and southerners in the period from 1845 to 1855?

**RESEARCH:**

Before beginning your research, you should use the information in your textbooks to derive a preliminary outline. Then, research the material. For this assignment, you must include:

- Three (3) secondary sources, other than your textbooks. One of these must be a print source (not gained from the internet).
- Suggested: One (1) primary source (this is optional)

For your research, remember that there are many tools available to you. Please consult our class website for links to useful resources (click on links). Also, be sure to visit the website of the Bishop Kenny Media Center and utilize the research databases.

**FORMAT AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

- All sources should be cited **in-text** and on the **works cited page**. Any information gained from an outside source, whether quoted or not, must be properly cited.
- Margins should be set at 1” on all four sides;
- Standard fonts should be used and set at a rating of 10-12 points (no higher);
- The paper should be typed and double-spaced, and no more than eight (8) pages of text.
- **When submitting to Turnitin, please make your title “Option # \_\_” (whichever option you chose)**
- **Spelling/Grammar:** You are expected as a junior student in an AP course to write well. Proofread!

