

American History Honors

Mr. Broach, 2011-2012

DUE: Monday, October 24, 2011 no later than 7:50 AM*Paper Assignment 3 (Free-Response)**Antebellum "Eras"*

The time period after the War of 1812 is often referred to as the "Era of Good Feelings." This period ends with the Election of 1824 which begins a new "Era of the Common Man," or often referred to as the "Age of Jackson." Choose one of the following events and argue why it is historically significant and how it represents or contradicts either the **Era of Good Feelings** or the **Era of the Common Man**.

Era of Good Feelings, 1816-1824

Panic of 1819

Missouri Compromise

Monroe Doctrine

Era of the Common Man, 1824-1848

Second Great Awakening

Panic of 1837

Election of 1828 - "Revolution"?

Indian Removal Act of 1830

Paper Instructions:

In this paper, you must: (USE THIS AS A CHECKLIST)

- Begin with a solid thesis that argues why the event you chose is historically significant;
- Provide specific details about the event ("specific supporting evidence");
- Argue why this event is significant to the time period;
- Argue how this fits or contradicts the label "Era of Good Feelings" or "Era of the Common Man"

This is intended to be a brief paper.**Format:**

Your paper should include:

- An introduction with a clear thesis (or main idea)
- Supporting paragraphs that include specific **evidence** (names/dates/facts) and **analysis** (how/why significant);
- A conclusion that effectively wraps-up the argument without being repetitive;
- A works cited page in proper MLA format.
- **Since this is a free-response paper, outside sources are not required. You may choose to use only the textbook. However, it must still be cited properly in-text and on the works cited page.**

Other requirements:

- Any sources used 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. Failure to do so is plagiarism.
- 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 at least one and a half pages, typed and double-spaced, and no more than four (4) pages;
- **Spelling/Grammar:** You are expected as a junior student in an honors course to write well. Proofread! Please refer to the **Writing Advice document online** (posted under documents), as well as the *Writers, Inc.* text.

Sources:

As a "free-response" paper assignment, the only required source (other than your own knowledge) is the textbook. However, you may choose to do outside research if you believe it will benefit your overall argument.

Grading Rubric:**SEE NEXT PAGE**

