
This assignment is due **Friday, February 23, 2007 (no later than 3:00 PM)** (20 points deducted for each day late)

Choose ONE of the following topics:

Option # 1 Assess the validity of all three parts of the following statement:
"The Progressives had three basic goals: to end corruption and abuses of power in government and business; to reform social institutions so as to provide an opportunity for every citizen; and to apply scientific principles to political and social institutions."
In this paper, you must either support or challenge each of the three parts of this statement and back up your argument using specific examples of progressive actions (see ch. 17). You should also research the Progressive movement for specific examples to support your argument.

Option # 2 Analyze the political and economic factors that led to America's involvement in World War I (i.e. actions in Europe, America's new desire for world affairs, causes, etc).
For this analysis, you must provide at least three main factors that led to the United States' entry into the war, supported by specific historical examples. This analysis should **not** include what actually led to the outbreak of war in Europe in 1914; instead, it should address and analyze the events that led to the 1917 Declaration of War by the United States Congress. Your argument must convince the reader that, given the events of the time period, America's involvement in World War I was inevitable.

Guidelines:

- ☑ **Suggestion: Organize by making an outline, and by making notes or note cards of your research sources.**
- ☑ Papers should be at least 3 full pages of text (typed) and no more than 4 pages. You must also include a **works cited** page. Margins are to be no more than 1" and text should be double spaced.
- ☑ **Proper MLA citations are expected, both in-text and on the works cited page.** All information gained from an outside source must be cited. *Failure to cite properly constitutes an act of plagiarism, which is an honor code violation.* See the *Writers Inc.* text for more information.
- ☑ The textbook must be used as a source and must be cited properly.
- ☑ In addition to the textbook, you must use three (3) additional sources, one of which must be a print source (not from the internet). **DO NOT COPY AND PASTE** information from an internet source. Use all of your sources, as well as your knowledge, to create your own argument. Remember that simply using someone else's idea (even if worded differently) is still plagiarism. (*hint: use note cards*)
- ☑ **Proofread, Proofread, Proofread** – It is not wise to simply throw a "laundry list" of information into a paper and expect it to make sense. Try reading your paper aloud and then determine if the paper makes sense. I expect you, as Juniors in a college preparatory school, to use appropriate spelling and grammar. Refer to the "writing advice" handout posted to our class website.
- ☑ **IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND OR NEED HELP**, re-read these instructions carefully. If you still do not understand, please see me for help. The common excuse of "I didn't get it" is not permissible.

Grading Rubric:

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