
This assignment is due Sunday, February 8, 2009 online at Turnitin.com (points deducted for late papers)

Choose ONE of the following topics:

- Option # 1 *Analyze the ways that the federal government contributed to the development of the West, from 1865 to 1900.*
In this paper, you must present specific examples of how the federal government directly supported westward expansion (i.e. laws, military actions, etc.) and argue how those actions helped Americans to move out west and also how those actions affected Native Americans.
- Option # 2 *Analyze how the following factors contributed to the development of American cities between 1865 and 1900: technology, urban politics, class divisions.*
In this paper, you must give specific historical examples for all three categories and effectively argue how they promoted the development of the modern American city by 1900. You should also include how these three areas affected the lives of city dwellers (positive and negative).
- Option # 3 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.

Guidelines and Suggestions:

- ☑ **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 5 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 (**both in-text and on the works cited page**).
- ☑ 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.
- ☑ **Submission Reminder:** Your paper is due by 10:00 PM on the due date. Do not wait until the last moment to complete your work. Papers received at 10:01 will be marked late by Turnitin.com and will receive the appropriate point deductions. Furthermore, no longer will any other excuse be accepted (no parent notes). It is your responsibility to ensure that your paper is submitted on time and in the proper format. If you wait until the night the paper is due to finish the work, you are taking an unnecessary risk that the internet may be down, the power may go out, or that you will run out of time to properly plan, write and proofread your final work. **College professors do not accept excuses in this area, and in the spirit of preparing you for college (and life), I must enforce this rule.**

Grading Rubric:

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