Early Modern Europe Research Project



***You will write a thesis driven research paper.*** *A thesis-driven paper makes an arguable claim and defends it. Do not confuse a research paper with a report: you need to offer a thesis about your topic and then present evidence and analysis that provides support and explanation.*

**Directions:**

You will complete the following steps:

1. Pick a research question/prompt from below,
2. Answer it with a thesis,
3. Create an outline that details the facts and analysis that will answer your thesis (including a works cited),
4. Submit a rough draft to be peer edited and then (including a works cited) ,
5. Write a brief research paper (including a works cited).

You will have library and computer lab time to research and develop your ideas and write your paper. You must use (i.e.: cite) at least **three sources** in your research – **one of which must be a print source** and none of which may be a textbook, general encyclopedia, or crummy webpage (i.e. wiki anything, answers.com, etc.). These sources will be part of your research paper and must be formatted properly on a works cited page.

* **Your research must come from the library or the library database, not other sources will be accepted as valid for this assignment.**

**Process:**

1. **Basic Research:** You will do basic research on 3 of the prompts (see the bottom of the page).
2. **Prompt Selection:** Once you have done your basic research you will formally select one of the three prompts you researched.

**Due date: Monday 11/5/18**

1. **Formal/Detailed Research:** Once you have selected your prompt you will complete your formal research and create notecards. You will have a minimum requirement of 3 source cards and 15 note cards (You will need a total of 18 notecards).

**Due date: Tuesday 11/13/18**

1. **Create a basic working thesis:** You will write your initial thesis/body thesis statements **before** starting your outline. This is a working thesis statement, which, will need to be updated as you progress in your writing You will receive feedback to edit your thesis throughout the process. You will have multiple check points for your thesis statement that must be kept on the thesis refinement sheet (TRS)

**Due date(s): Tuesday 11/13/18,**

**Monday 11/19/18,**

**Monday 11/26/18**

1. **Create a research outline,** complete with question, thesis, and paper outline. Your outline should include the facts that will support your thesis and the analysis that is necessary to connect your facts to your thesis. You should make sure to address an issue with enough research for **at least a one page single spaced outline that will become a 700-900 word count paper. Your outline will be due in class (so we can peer edit it) and turned in online to turnitin.com. Both of these submissions will have points attached to them.**

**Due date: Monday 11/19/18**

1. **Create a works cited page** following proper MLA formatting. Your works cited page must have at least **three sources** – all from library sources (reference books, books, databases). **Your works cited page needs to be included with your outline, rough draft, and final draft. It will also be turned in to turnitin.com for points.**

**Due date: Monday 11/26/18**

1. **Rough Draft**. This serves as a complete but editable version of your final paper, which will be peer edited in class. **Your rough draft will be due in class (so we can peer edit it) and turned in online to turnitin.com. Both of these submissions will have points attached to them.**

**Due Date: Monday 11/26/18**

1. **Write a 700-900 word count, MLA formatted, research paper addressing the research question you created**. Your paper must be turned in on turnitin.com (I will not collect a paper copy) before class on the following due date

**Due date Range: 11/27/18-12/3/18**

**LATE PAPERS WILL BE PENALIZED AT 10% PER DAY—INCLUDING WEEKENDS—EVEN IF YOU ARE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

**Prompt Choices:**

1. Analyze the differences between the Renaissance of the north and the south? (i.e. Religious life/spirituality of the people, government structure, arts/sciences, literature, economics/trade/commerce)
2. Why was the impact of the Renaissance minimal in some countries? (Russia/Spain/HRE)
3. How did patronage within the church influence the power/spiritual influence/focus of the church?
4. What ends the Renaissance and why?
5. How/why did the Medici family influence the Reformation?
6. How/Why did the Black Plague have a direct relation to the start of the Renaissance?
7. How/Why did the Age of Exploration change the balance of power in Europe?
8. What piece of technology had the greatest impact on early Modern European society?
9. What impact did James I have on William Shakespeare?
10. How did Renaissance Humanism impact the Catholic Church?

**Important Dates:**

1. Friday 11/2/18 – Basic Research and Prompt Selection
2. Friday 11/2/18 – Library Research Day
3. Monday 11/5/18 – Prompt Selection Due
4. Tuesday 11/6/18 – Library Research Day
5. Thursday 11/8/18 – Library Research Day
6. Tuesday 11/13/18 – All Research Due (in class, physical notecards)
7. Tuesday 11/13/18 – First Thesis/BTS Due (turnitin.com on TRS)
8. Wednesday 11/14/18 – Outline Writing Day in CPU Lab
9. Monday 11/19/18 – Outline Due (in class & online, each worth points)
10. Monday 11/19/18 – Second Thesis/BTS Due (turnitin.com on TRS)
11. Tuesday 11/20/18 – Rough Draft Writing Day in CPU Lab
12. Wednesday 11/21/18 – Rough Draft Writing Day in CPU Lab
13. Monday 11/26/18 – Rough Draft Due (in class & online, each worth points)
14. Monday 11/26/18 – Works Cited Due(in class & online, each worth points)
15. Monday 11/26/18 – Final Thesis/BTS Due (turnitin.com on TRS)
16. Tuesday 11/27/18 – Final Draft Writing Day
17. Tuesday 11/27/18 – Monday 12/3/18 Final Submission Window (only online, must receive by 10pm on Monday 12/3/18)

**Daily Calendar**

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday 11/1/18** | **Friday 11/2/18** |
| NA | NA | NA | **In Class:** Essay introduced**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Basic research & prompt selection (steps 1 & 2 above) | **In Class:** Library research day **Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Basic Research/Formal research (steps 1-3) |
| **Monday 11/5/18** | **Tuesday 11/6/18** | **Wednesday 11/7/18** | **Thursday 11/8/18** | **Friday 11/9/18** |
| **In Class:** * Discuss thesis/bts development

**Due:** Prompt selection**Working On:** Formal Research (step 3) | **In Class:** Library research day**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Formal Research (step 3) | **In Class:*** Thesis development & evidence use

**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Formal Research (step 3) | **In Class:** Library research day**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Formal Research (step 3) | **In Class:*** Evidence use & writing skills

**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Formal Research (step 3) |
| **Monday 11/12/18** | **Tuesday 11/13/18** | **Wednesday 11/14/18** | **Thursday 11/15/18** | **Friday 11/16/18** |
| **In Class:** No school **Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Formal Research (step 3) | **In Class:** Review outlining **Due:** * All research (18 notecards)
* 1st Thesis/BTS

**Working On**: Writing your outline (step 5) | **In Class:** Outline writing day in lab**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Writing your outline (step 5) | **In Class:** Discuss basic analysis techniques**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Writing your outline (step 5) | **In Class:** Review example essay **Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Writing your outline (step 5) |
| **Monday 11/19/18** | **Tuesday 11/20/18** | **Wednesday 11/21/18** | **Thursday 11/22/18** | **Friday 11/23/18** |
| **In Class:** Peer edit outlines**Due:*** Outline due (in class & online)
* Second thesis/bts

**Working On:** Rough draft and works cited (steps 6 & 7) | **In Class:** Rough draft writing day in lab**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Rough draft and works cited (steps 6 & 7) | **In Class:** Rough draft writing day in lab**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Rough draft and works cited (steps 6 & 7) | **In Class:** Thanksgiving break**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Rough draft and works cited (steps 6 & 7) | **In Class:** Thanksgiving break**Due:** Nothing**Working On:** Rough draft and works cited (steps 6 & 7) |
| **Monday 11/26/18** | **Tuesday 11/27/18** | **Wednesday 11/28/18** | **Thursday 11/29/18** | **Friday 11/30/18** |
| **In Class:**  Peer edit rough drafts **Due:*** Rough draft due (in class & online)
* Works cited due (in class & online)
* Final thesis/bts due (in class)

**Working On:** Final draft (Step 8) | **In Class:** Final draft writing day **Due:** Final submission window 11/27/18-12/3/18**Working On:** Final draft (Step 8) | **In Class:** Start getting back into content**Due:** Final submission window 11/27/18-12/3/18**Working On:** Final draft (Step 8) | **In Class:** Start getting back into content**Due:** Final submission window 11/27/18-12/3/18**Working On:** Final draft (Step 8) | **In Class:** Start getting back into content**Due:** Final submission window 11/27/18-12/3/18**Working On:** Final draft (Step 8) |
| **Monday 12/3/18** |  |  |  |  |
| **Final draft due by 10pm: online only** |  |  |  |  |