**Freshman Spring Essay Part Two**

Step 2: Now that you have three choices to pick one, choose the conflict that interests you most.

* We are going to do much deeper research on your selected topic you research must include the following
  + 1. You must find a minimum of 6 sources that pertain to your conflict and/or the area of civilization you have selected.
    2. Your research must come from academically appropriate locations; including -
       - Any library
       - Any academically appropriate database found on the libraries
       - It cannot be from – random websites online (Wikipedia, history.com, or anything else like this)
       - If you aren’t sure come and talk to me and I will be happy to tell you whether or not the website is appropriate
       - You cannot use your textbook as one of your 6 sources
    3. 2 of your sources must be print sources.
       - This means from **an actual book, not an online book**. It must be something that you get at a library or some other location that you can hold in your hands that was printed and published by someone else.
    4. You must have a minimum of 2 primary sources.
       - Your primary sources can be digital or from print text
    5. Your sources must be recorded in notecard form
       - Your notecards must be handwritten, on actual 3X5 inch notecards
         * If you want to type them, print them, and glue them to a notecard I do not care. However, they must be on 3X5 inch notecards to receive credit.
       - **YOUR ESSAY MUST INCLUDE ALL 6 SOURCES.** 
         * It does not matter if the sources are used as evidence proving your thesis or as context for your essay. Either will work, as long as all six are used.
       - It also needs to include a minimum of 24 notes from your sources.
    6. In total you will need 30 notecards –
       - 6 source cards
       - 24 appropriately filled out notecards with evidence on them

Research Tips:

* Ask yourself these questions as you start your research…
  + What is the quality of the source?
  + How detailed is the source?
  + What information in this source is helpful?
  + Is it a primary source or a secondary source?

As you conduct your research, consider the development of a research question. You will have to use one of the two following skeleton prompts for your research proposal (part three). Therefore, I would start to gear your research in this direction.

* **How did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ impact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?**
* **What role did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ play in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**