

History 112 - Russian Revolution Research Paper

STOP! DON'T PANIC! Although this is a major assignment, it is a project we will complete in steps. It is very important that you **keep up with the deadlines!** Your paper will then be completed in stages that will keep your stress level down. Once you fall behind on a deadline it is very hard to catch up! I suggest you work ahead as much as possible. This assignment is more than just a paper. It is a lesson in self-discipline, self-expression, and **FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS**. If you have never written a research paper do not worry! I will teach you how to complete each step! Your hard work will all pay off! You can do it!

Type of Paper: History Research Paper

Purpose: Effectively answer the question pertaining to the Rasputin and his death. Upon some initial ground-breaking research, you will decide the answer to the question and use this as your thesis statement.

Format: You will examine four areas in your paper:

1. A thorough answer to your topic with a clear thesis statement.
2. A brief description of some background information on your chosen topic.
3. Researched information supporting your thesis statement
4. A strong conclusion which supports your thesis statement

Point Break Down: 60 points total

Final Product = 20 points

Work Cited = 20 points -

Research Paper In-class Deadlines = 20 points 5 POINTS FOR EACH DEADLINE

- DEADLINE #1 - 3 in-class research days
- DATE - _____
- DEADLINE #2 - 3 in-class draft days
- DATE - _____
- DEADLINE #3 - 1-2 class(es) teacher conference with draft (completed)
- DATE - _____
- DEADLINE #4 - 2 in-class final product days
- DATE - _____
- DEADLINE #5 -
- FINAL DUE DATE - _____
- ALL WORK WILL BE COMPLETED HERE!!!

Research Paper Guidelines

1. Length: 3-5 pages
2. Format: MLA
 - a. type your paper using Comic Sans or Times New Roman, 12 point font
 - b. double space
 - c. DO NOT put four spaces between paragraphs
 - d. use one inch margins on all sides
 - e. indent paragraphs five spaces (or use the tab key once)
 - f. number the pages in the top right hand corner of each page by typing your last name followed by a space and then the page number, EX: Jones 2
3. Organization:
 - a. Your paper should be in this order:
 1. Full MLA Header at the top of the first page - this will act as your title page
 2. Formal Outline (format given in class)
 3. Body: 3- 5 pages (numbered as stated above)
Introduction = at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of a page = Thesis statement = last sentence.
 4. Works Cited Page
 - b. DO NOT put your paper in a folder or cover. Simply staple the pages together with one staple in the upper left hand corner.

Guidelines Regarding Sources

1. Your paper must include at least **four** sources. Each must be cited in your paper at least once. You must have at least two quotations in your paper, and one must be longer than three lines (special format).
2. You may use the internet for research BUT be careful to use only creditable sources - follow the handout given on how to check for creditability.
3. Required Sources:
Internet
- Optional Sources:
Newspaper Articles

Journals/Magazine Articles
Pamphlets
Television Program (1 only)
Expert Interview

HERE IT IS... THE TOPIC:

Topic - Rasputin's involvement with the Romanov royal family helped to shape many of the important decisions made within the Russian government and life of the royal family. He seemed to have a tremendous hold on the czar and czarina. To others looking in at this relation, they could not understand how the royals could trust such a mysterious and unorthodox character. Did his involvement in the Romanov family and government affairs, ultimately, impact and cause his untimely death?

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Outline

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Thesis: Answer to your topic question.

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- I. Introduction
 - A. Quote/question/statement/little known fact/statistic – ATTENTION GRABBER
 - B. Statement supporting thesis statement
 - C. Thesis statement
- II. Background info on topic
 - A. Birthplace/birth dates/family
 - B. Childhood
 - C. Education
 - D. Early adulthood
 - 1. Introduction to royal family
 - 2. Relationships within the royal family
 - 3. Government/family affairs
- III. Death details
 - A. People involved and what occurred
 - B. Where and when
 - C. Mystery surrounding death
- IV. Impact of death
 - A. Feelings of royal family about death
- V. Conclusion

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single spaced, size
12 Comic Sans or
Times New Roman
font