Honors Modern American History

Summer Project 2026

PART 1: RESEARCH PAPER (100 Points)

Choose one of the following topics:

Progressive Era	World War I	Women's Suffrage	Roaring '20s
Great Depression	New Deal	Vietnam War	Korean War
McCarthyism	Cold War	Civil Rights	Kennedy & Johnson
'70s Social Change	Nixon, Ford, Carter	Reagan & G.H.W. Bush	Clinton, Bush, Obama
World War II: Pacific Theater	World War II: Homefront	'50s Culture	War on Terror

Research your selected topic and write a **4 page** paper based on your research. Include an **introduction** with a **clearly stated thesis** and a **conclusion. Your thesis will answer the question: how did this event alter the course of U.S. history?**

Include a **cover page** and a **works cited page** in MLA format. Use **in-text citations** and at least **5 academic sources.** (*Wiki sources, opinion sources, and unreliable websites are not permitted*). Please use third person, formal writing, and proofread your case brief.

The paper must be double spaced, have standard 1" margins, and be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font. **Do not ignore these directions to meet the page length.** *Failure to meet the required page length for any part of the assignment will result in a 10 point deduction from your final grade.* Plagiarism will result in a failure of the assignment.

PART 2: PRESENTATION (50 Points)

Create a slide show presentation based on your paper (6-10 slides). Include images, charts, graphs, timelines, and other visual aides to creatively explain the topic. **Do not include block text or wordy bullet points on your slides; this will result in a significant deduction of points.** The slides should be a supplement to your paper, not a summary. Please be creative and proofread your slides.

The paper is due as a **HARD COPY** on the first day of school. **It must be bound,** either in a binder or paper report cover. **No emailed assignments will be accepted.** The slide show will be checked on your **iPad** the first day of school.

Please note that any student who turns in a LATE OR INCOMPLETE summer project will be automatically dropped from the course.