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AP Language & Composition

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AP Language and Composition - Research Paper

For your research paper subject, you will discuss some aspect of the 1920’s, ***showing how your topic impacted American culture of the period or how it was impacted by that period***.

Length:

* 5-6 pages typed
* The Works Cited page does not count in the page total, but it must be numbered, nonetheless.
* Papers must be typewritten.

Sources:

* A minimum of 4 sources will be listed on your Works Cited page. In order to list these as "works cited," you must actually use information from them in your essay.
* One source may be a general reference (an encyclopedia, for instance), and at least 1 source must be from a book. The last 2 sources may be from the internet, magazine articles, the vertical file, or from another book.

Manuscript Conventions:

* The entire assignment is double-spaced with one-inch margins whether typed or handwritten.
* All pages after page one are numbered in the top right-hand corner of the page along with your last name. (Example: Johnson 2)
* Page one will contain a heading like the one at the top of this page, and your essay title will be centered as above.
* You will use the MLA internal documentation style.

Grading:

* A minimum of 20 note cards must be turned in by **January 25, 2016.**
* Your working Works Cited page must be turned in by **January 28, 2016.**
* Your outline must be turned in by **January 29, 2016**.
* Your final draft must be turned in by **February 5, 2016**.
* Your presentation will take place on \_\_\_TBA\_\_\_\_.

Presentation:

Read the introduction of your paper.

Summarize the main ideas of your paper.

Tell 2 anecdotes (interesting facts or stories about your topic that you may or may not have included in your essay).

Utilize a visual aid.

Suggested Topics

Prohibition

Presidents

1929 stock market crash

Political scandals such as Teapot Dome

Court cases, such as the Scopes monkey trial

Henry Ford or another inventor

Technology – radio, airplanes, medical discoveries

Entertainment – radio, movies, sports

Gangsters – Al Capone is OUT

Rebellion in the younger generation – fashion and behavior

Authors

Harlem Renaissance

Music – any musician or genre

Art – any artist or genre

Part of your exploration of the topic will include finding and digesting as much information as you can. Be honest with yourself. If you can’t find enough information, change topics EARLY. It will be very difficult for you to float through this assignment. Don’t expect a good grade if you haven’t done some serious work.

If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to see me.

Resources

<http://www.owl.english.purdue.edu>

<http://www.mrsvhsweeney.weebly.com>