

# American History Report

## 30 points

The learner must write a report on a historical person or event from the 1945 to the present day. The report will be graded on the following guidelines:

### I. Historical information (18 points)

#### A. Direct / Indirect Citations (3 required) (15)

1.  3 Direct or indirect citations present (3)
2.  Correct citation form (3)
3.  Explanation of the citation (9)

#### B. Historical Accuracy (3)

### II. Organization (12 points)

#### A. Thesis (2) –must be an argumentative statement –an statement that can be proven with evidence

#### B. Bibliography (2) –correct format

#### C. Introduction (2) –a brief and well written introduction

#### D. Conclusion (2) –a brief and well written conclusion

#### E. Overall Format (4) –paper should be typed

1.  Five paragraphs (1)
2.  Spelling / Grammar (3)

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### Thesis and Sources Paper (10 points)

1. Students should state the thesis of the research paper. (3 points)
  2. Students should state the exact direct or indirect citation they will be using for the research paper. (3 points)
  3. Students should also include the source of the direct or indirect citation. (3 points)  
\* Students may repeat a source for different direct or indirect citations.
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# Research Paper Helpful Hints

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## Introductory Paragraph (Paragraph #1)

1. Attention Getter –be sure to get the reader’s attention.
  2. Thesis Statement
    - A. Should be an opinion
    - B. Is the last sentence of the first paragraph
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## Body Paragraphs (Paragraphs #2, #3, and #4)

1. Topic Sentence should introduce the citation.
  2. Citation (Direct or indirect)
    - A. Direct citation –using the words exactly as it appears in the text
      1. “Elvis had 18 #1 hits” (Billboards).
    - B. Indirect citation –paraphrasing the words of the text
      1. Elvis Presley had more #1 hits than any artist with 18 (Billboards).
  3. Concluding Sentence –should tie the citation back to the thesis
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## Concluding Paragraph (Paragraph #5)

1. Summarize the main of the paper
  2. Leave on a good / funny note.
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