

Dates and Deadlines:

Research/writing dates:

Monday October 21 (library)

Wednesday October 30 (library)

Thesis Due: November 1 via Google Form

Outline Due: November 8

Body Paragraph Due: November 19, 2013

Final Paper Due: Wednesday December 18, 2013 via Google Docs

Requirements:

Your paper must have a cover page containing the title of your paper, your name, date, course and period.

It should be 5-7 **typed** pages. It should be 12 pt. **Cambria** font, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins and contain a Works Cited Page (MLA Style). The total page count must be between 7-9 pages. A Cover page, 5-7 typed pages, and a bibliography page.

You should choose a topic, either from the list below, or one that interests you. You will research the topic and develop a thesis related to the topic. Your paper will develop and support your thesis, based on your research.

Thesis:

You must develop an argument within your paper supporting a particular point of view. The paper is not to be a summary of law, history, or government, but rather a somewhat narrow approach to a topic which focuses on a particular aspect or issue.

Your thesis should be a 1-3 sentence statement that sets forth what your paper will prove, using the underlying facts you unearth in your research.

Sample thesis:

Most historians refer to Ronald Reagan as the "Ultimate Republican." The Reagan Administration, however, was far more moderate with regard to their policies and decisions than current Republican ideology.

President Bush and his administration have waged an effective war on terror. The policies they have followed in the wake of September 11th, both domestically and abroad, have resulted in a more secure America.

A strong thesis:

- States a clear position on a topic
- Expresses one main, concrete idea
- Is narrowly drawn (specific)
- Should flow throughout the paper – each paragraph should lend support for your underlying thesis

Bibliography

You must use at least 7 sources. Four of these must be books found in our or a personal library. Websites must be recognized educational institutions and news sources. Do not use private, personal sites as sources for your paper. When in doubt, look elsewhere.

Use MLA standard format

Citations

You will use internal citations using MLA style → Author's last name, page number

For example (McCullough, 333).