Each student will write a research paper using the following guidelines:

- **five to ten pages** of double-spaced text (12 pt. font)
- the **topic** should fall within the period of study for this course
- the **focus** should include a description and analysis of the significance of a person, movement, or event
- **bibliography** of at least five sources (besides textbook and encyclopedias)
- **sources** should include at least one book, one journal article, one primary source document, and no more than two webpages (make sure your sources have academic integrity!)
- use of standard writing style (Turabian) – Your paper should include a title page, body, conclusion, and bibliography.
- sources should be cited throughout the paper (whether quoted or paraphrased)
- sources should be cited in **footnotes** (not parenthetical references)

**Paper topic ideas** – The following are just some very general ideas to get you started thinking—you are not limited to these topics. Think about what we’ve studied so far, and page through the text to find some ideas—what interests you? Are there questions you may have about a particular historical person or event that you might answer in your paper? You will also want to refine these topics, for example: *Theodore Roosevelt’s Domestic Policy* or *The U.S Rationale for using Atomic Weapons against Japan.*

- Booker T. Washington
- Woodrow Wilson
- The Freedman’s Bureau
- Urbanization and Immigration 1870-1890
- W.E.B. Dubois
- Dwight L. Moody
- Mark Twain
- Emily Dickinson
- Crazy Horse
- The Populist Movement
- The Spanish-American War
- The Women’s Suffrage Movement
- Calvin Coolidge
- The Compromise of 1877
- J.P. Morgan
- Thomas Edison
- Thaddeus Stevens
- The Great Depression
- Samuel Gompers and the Formation of The AFof L
- The A-Bomb, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki
- The Reconstruction Era
- The U.S. Space Program
- Andrew Carnegie
- The Watergate Conspiracy
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Dwight Eisenhower
- The Persian Gulf War
- The Taming of the West
- William Jennings Bryan
- William Faulkner
- The U.S. in World War I
- Herbert Hoover
- Douglas MacArthur
- The G.I. Bill
- The Korean War
- The Vietnam War
- The New Deal
- The Temperance and Prohibition Movement