**Humanities POL Paper**

**Fall 2017**

Assignment

Write a 4 page paper that addresses one of the following prompts:

1. **How did the Stock Market Crash impact the United States during the Great Depression?**
2. **How did Bank Failures impact the United States during the Great Depression?**
3. **How did Unemployment impacts the United States during the Great Depression during the Great Depression?**
4. **How did the Smoot-Hawley Tariff impact the United States during the Great Depression?**
5. **How did the Dust Bowl impact the United States during the Great Depression?**



Your paper should examine one of the main causes of the Great Depression. The history portion must use appropriate research to explain and provide evidence to HOW your main cause directly impacted the United States. This is a research paper (not a report), which means you have a clear Thesis statement and always defend your arguments with relevant evidence.

The English section must show appropriate formatting, structure, and grammar for a formal academic essay. Your argument should be clearly supported and cohesive, and provide thoughtful insight into the question. Check the rubric for specific details concerning the English grade.



A Works Cited page will be required at the end of the paper (the last page) documenting all of your history sources.

Additional Requirements

* 4 pages, double-spaced (Honors students 6-7 pages)
* Double-spaced heading
* Title for the Paper (below the header and centered)
* MLA citation format
* Works Cited page documenting at least 4 history sources (Honors students at least 6 history sources)

Deadline

* Due **Wednesday, December 13th 2017 (late paper will not be accepted)**
  + Submit digital copy to Barclay’s turnitin.com by 8:59am
  + Print 5 hard copies of your paper (4 copies for panel groups of 3)
    - Submit one copy to Barclay/Strawn on December 13
    - Give one copy to each of your panel members on December 13
    - Keep one copy for yourself to annotate and present for your POL

**Calendar**

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| **12/4**  Research Day | **12/5**  Research Day  *Prelim Research due on Turnitin*  *(Barclay’s)* | **12/6**  Drafting Day  *(Thesis Checkpoint on Strawn’s turnitin)* | **12/7**  Drafting Day  *(Thesis Checkpoint on Strawn’s turnitin)* | **12/8**  POL Presentation Rubrics |
| **12/11**  Rough Draft Checkpoint *(Barclay’s turnitin.com)*  *Conference Day w/ teacher* | **12/12**  Rough Draft Checkpoint  *(Barclay’s turnitin.com)*  *Conference Day w/ teacher* | **12/13**  Paper Due by 8:59AM (Digital and all hard copies)    *(Exchange papers with panel members)* | **12/14**  POLs | **12/15**  POLs |
| **12/16**  POLs | **12/17**  POLs | **12/18**  POLs | **12/19**  POLs | **12/18**  Last Day of Semester 1  (Receive Final Paper Grades) |

Essay Structure

1. Intro Paragraph (½ page)
   1. Paragraph that leads into your Thesis statement
   2. Start with a broad introduction of your topic and narrow the paragraph into your thesis statement
   3. Thesis statement should clearly articulate your argument
2. 3 - 5 Body paragraphs (3-4 pages)
   1. Each body paragraph will have ONE central argument that supports your thesis
   2. Clear Topic Sentences for each body paragraph
   3. Each body paragraph will need multiple pieces of evidence integrated within your own words, quoted or paraphrased. Must have in-text citations
3. Conclusion Paragraph (½ page)
   1. Wraps up the argument neatly, making sure to answer “so what?” May restate the thesis, but should clearly state why this information matters and what the reader should take from it

Rules to Writing:

1. Correct MLA Heading
2. No SAQs (Integrate all of your quotes)
3. No use of first/second person - always third person
4. All MLA Rules - 12 pt. Font, Times New Roman, Double Spaced, 1 inch margins
5. In-text citations style - “Check Weebly for directions” (Barclay 13).
6. Quality sources - Primary and Secondary, No Tertiary sources allowed
7. No block quotes allowed (no quoted material longer than **TWO** lines will be permitted)

**Checkpoint # 1 - Research Checkpoint**

When is it due: Tuesday, December 5th at 3:59PM on Barclay’s Turnitin.com

What is due: 4-5 pages of research compiled from multiple quality sources

1. Be sure to label your sources at the top and provide the evidence from that sources below
2. Mixture of your own words and quotes material (it cannot be 100% copy & pasted)

**Checkpoint # 2 - Thesis Checkpoint**

When is it due: Wednesday or Thursday (Dec. 6th/7th) by 3:59PM, the same day as your English period on Strawn’s Turnitin.com

What is due: A detailed and accurate thesis statement that will support the entire paper.

**Checkpoint # 3 - Rough Draft Checkpoint**

When is it due: Monday or Tuesday (Dec. 11th/12th) at 8:59AM the same day as your History period on Barclay’s Turnitin.com & one hard copy to be brought for conferences

One Digital copy & One hard copy

What is due: A full 4 page Rough Draft of your essay complete with an Introduction, Body Paragraphs, and Conclusion.

1. Thesis must be highlighted in RED
2. Topic Sentences must be highlighted in YELLOW
3. All cited & quoted evidence must be highlighted in GREEN

Bring your hard copy to class and you will receive a 10 minute conference slot with a teacher on your paper before the Final Due Date.

**History Honors Paper**

Assignment

Write a 6-7 page paper that addresses the following prompt:

**Did the New Deal improve the life of American citizens during the Great Depression?**

1. **If yes, argue and provide evidence to HOW the New Deal improved the lives of Americans and helped the United States out of the Great Depression.**
2. **If no, argue and provide evidence to HOW the New Deal did not improve the lives of Americans during the Great Depression.**

Your paper should examine either the benefits or shortfalls of the New Deal on American citizens. Some historians argue that the New Deal was ineffective and did not go far enough to truly fix the problems of the Great Depression (Huey Long) OR the New Deal only made our economic problems worse and did not actually impact the citizens of the United States the way Roosevelt has intended(The Supreme Court). Some historians argue that World War II actually saved America from the Great Depression and that the New Deal was not actually effective.

But many historians also believe that the New Deal truly saved America from the Great Depression and relieved the economic stressed placed on many Americans.

Additional Requirements

* 6-7 pages, double-spaced
* Double-spaced heading
* Title for the Paper (below the header and centered)
* MLA citation format
* Works Cited page documenting at least 6 history sources
  + Two sources must be book sources - Not Digital

\*\*You must have a B+ or higher to write the History Honors paper\*\*