

Honors World History Research Paper

This assignment is the first research paper for this year in World History. You have read *Iron and Silk* by Mark Salzman to become familiar with the country of China. Now, you will pursue one topic of interest in your study of China. You should choose a topic of interest from the list or one of your own. For example, you might choose Chinese medicine or Chinese clothing. You might find a wealth of information or very little. You will have class/library time to research your topic.

Make sure you are interested in your chosen topic before you begin to write about your subject. If you are not, the paper will be flat and have no passion. Passion will help you write better and complete the term paper with zest.

You must have your topic approved by me by Monday, October 7. Please do not procrastinate. You may find yourself in a pickle. Do watch your deadlines; they are positioned to aid your work and move it along. Check with me from time to time for suggestions. I will be glad to help. Sometimes, I have research material available from my set of books.

**Good Luck!
Mrs. Nardi**

Research Paper Deadlines

- **October 1—preliminary topic or subject idea**
- **September 25 and October 3-- library research days**
- **October 7– list of sources due, books, web pages, magazines, Xeroxed**
- **October 27-- first draft due (must be typed)**
- **November 13-- Final Paper due**

All late papers including drafts will have 10 points deducted from the grade!

Possible Topics

- **Wushu**
- **Confucianism**
- **Gentry in Ancient China**
- **Secret Societies**
- **Chinese women**
- **Symbolism in Chinese Architecture**
- **The Forbidden City**
- **Chinese Medicine**
- **Qianlong Emperor**
- **The Great Wall**
- **Empress Cixi**
- **Opium War**
- **Hong Kong**
- **Olympic Games 2008**

Grading Policy

- **Format: 20 points**
 1. **Title page**
 2. **Main idea highlighted**
 3. **Body of Paper – 5 to 7 pages , typed, double-spaced, 12 font, 1" margins, standard**
 4. **Internal Citations (Smith 14) (Salzman 30)**
 5. **Bibliography – see handout**
- **Grammar and Style: 30 Points**
 1. **Spelling, Punctuation, Paragraph transitions, use of quotations, and examples, continuity of writing**

- **Content: 30 Points**
 1. Three sources other than *Iron and Silk*
ie. Book, website or magazine
 2. No pictures, maps or other visuals – words only
Quotes from *Iron and Silk*, if applicable

- **Creativity: 20 Points**
 1. This is where your imagination and passion
can be very effective.
 2. Your analysis is very important. What do you
think about your subject.

Total: 100 points

Notes on Format:

- Title page must have a title, your name course title,
teacher and date
- Introduction needs to address the main idea
- Body of Paper must be five to seven typed-written
- Number the pages, not including the title page
- Double-spaced
- Internal Citations (Smith 45)
- No pictures, maps or other visuals
- Conclusion, restating you're your research

**Bibliographic format is MLA. You will get a handout to
show you what that looks like.**

**For help in understanding and practicing MLA, see Mrs.
Gray's Website or www.dianahacker.com**

Sourcing

All words or ideas taken from another person (or group) must be acknowledged in your paper with quotation marks.

In order to help you and I keep this goal very clear, I expect that all pages from the books, newspapers, articles, or websites be copied and all works or ideas used to be highlighted.

Note

I will not accept a paper without these resources.

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