



Research Paper

There will be a research paper on a topic of your choosing. The topic will be germane to the course, and if you wish you can discuss the topic with me. The research paper will include footnotes and a bibliography, ten pages in length (not including footnotes and bibliography), double-spaced, 12 pt. Font, at least 1 inch margins all around. Graduate students taking this course are required to write a 15 page research paper.

Research papers are different from internet papers in that research papers are based primarily on books and articles which allow you to understand the historical context and allow you to examine a topic in depth. Remember that the topic for a research paper should be narrow. The purpose of this is to allow you to go into depth when explaining things. What is likely to happen if you choose a topic that is too broad is that you will not be able to delve into a theme and will produce a paper that is too general—stating things that are generally known and that you did not have to take this course to learn. Avoid topics that are too broad and avoid writing paper that discuss a topic only in general terms. If you write a paper that is general and does not discuss a topic in depth, it will mean that you will receive a low grade for the research paper.

Please Note: The footnotes can be placed either at the bottom of the page or at the end of the paper. You should have a superscript number in the text of the paper and the footnote should follow this form for a book:

1. Firstname Lastname, Title (City of Publication: Publisher, year of publication), pp. . The paper will count 50 percent of the grade.

Example for a book:

Emilio Gentile, *The Struggle for Modernity* (Westport: Praeger, 2003), pp. 22-24.
To cite exactly the same book, the same page immediately afterward, you write:

2. Ibid.

To cite the same book, a different page, immediately afterward:

3. Ibid., pp. 13-14.

If you want to cite the same book later in the paper, after other citations, you write the author's name with a shortened version of the title:



7. Gentile, *Struggle*, p. 50.

Articles:

Firstname Lastname, "title of article," title of journal or other publication in which you found the article, Volume Number, Number of Journal (Month and year of publication): page numbers.

Example for an article:

Alexander De Grand, "Women Under Fascism," *The American Historical Review*, 75, N. 4 (October, 2003): 75-85.

Bibliography:

The bibliography should go at the end, should be in alphabetical order, and should have no numbers or parenthesis:

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I cannot take all cases into consideration. If you have a particular problem, contact me.