

Final Research Project Requirements

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***Materials Due by*_____**

- 1) A 5-6 page MLA formatted research paper that directly answers the larger research question. Explain your thesis and use specific historical examples from the past to compare to specific examples from your research.
- 2) An ***updated bibliography*** that contains MLA formatted citations for all your sources used as evidence in your presentation including pictures and images (no annotations required for final bibliography)

Research Conclusion Guidelines

Page #1: Define meanings of Freedom & Introduce Thesis

Paragraph #1

- 1) Opening Hook: Grab the reader's attention in your first sentence
- 2) **Define Past and Present Definitions of Freedom**

In the past [put group associated or entity associated with definition of freedom from the past] **defined freedom as** [past definition of freedom]. **Today** [put group associated with current definition of freedom] **defines freedom as** [present definition of freedom].

Be sure to elaborate and explain for each definition in page #1. I cannot assume you understand a concept if it is not explained within your paper.

Paragraph #2

- 3) Place your thesis at the end or beginning of paragraph #2
-Your thesis should be an argumentative statement that makes a claim about how the past relates the present (*italicize* your thesis statement). It should also provide an answer to your research question you created at the midterm

Page #2:

Explain the conditions and limits of your past and present definitions of freedom. (You must use 1-2 pieces of historical evidence from your research and/or the course in each paragraph)

For both paragraphs #3 & #4 Conditions & Limits for Past Definition of Freedom

- For both definitions explain the social conditions that made that freedom/or aspiration for freedom possible. (What historical context does this idea of freedom come from? What were people escaping? Attempting to create or find? What larger societal forces are pushing or pulling groups of people in a particular direction, etc.?)
- For both definitions explain the boundaries or limits of that freedom. (In what ways does the reality of the time place limits on the aspirations or hopes of people? Were there any unintended consequences? Was their discrimination, or prejudice? Were there hopes unrealized?)

Body of Research Paper

Page #3-5

Have 4-5 supportive body paragraphs that help to prove your argument and are directly related to the thesis. This statement also tells the relationship between your past and present evidence.

Each Paragraph should do the following for sentences #1-6:

- 1) Have a clear topic sentence that makes a point about how the past relates to the present

For Example...

Although the racial discrimination Chinese immigrants faced during the early 20th century is not as apparent today, Chinese Americans still struggle for representation in American media and are often represented in stereotypical ways.


- 2) **Incorporate evidence**

Have 2 Pieces of Evidence in each paragraph one from the past and one from the present

Past Evidence (Course Material)

Fact or evidence that supports your claim from course material

(Quote, figure, law, person, historical pattern, trend, event, etc.)

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- 3) Elaborate and explain the relationship evidence #1 in your own words to topic sentence
 - 4) Incorporate evidence #2

Present (Your Original Research)

Fact or evidence that supports your claim from course material

(Quote, figure, law, person, historical pattern, trend, event, etc.)

- 5) Elaborate and explain w the relationship evidence #2 in your own words to topic sentence
- 6) Transition or conclude paragraph

NO BLOCK QUOTES

Page #6 (1-2 paragraphs): Conclusion

- Solutions
- Predictions about the future
- Personal connection/or relate your research to your own spiritual, cultural, and experiential knowledge/ Incorporate evidence or data that you created
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Final Bibliography

Your final bibliography should include all the sources you used to inform your presentation and paper.

- Bibliographies that are incorrectly formatted will be dropped an entire letter grade
- You must bring 2 images (8 ½ x 11) that reflect your thesis statement one image that reflects the past and one that represents the present