Ciambarella 2017-19 Sample of Student Paper Topics

How is the US prison system and War on Drugs recreating slavery and Jim Crow in the USA?

Why is the US Health Care System so expensive and ineffective compared to other developed countries?

What role did young people play in getting Barack Obama elected President in 2008?

How has US-Taiwan foreign relations changed from 1950-2000?

What are the effects of the Philippine-American War on US-Philippine Relations?

How was Hip-Hop used as a form of protest against police brutality against African-Americans in the 1980s-2000s?

How did Japanese-Americans creatively resist their internment in prison camps during WWII?

How have Asian-Americans found creative ways to resist discrimination in the USA 1970s-1990s?

How instrumental was Harvey Milk in the LGBTQ Rights Movement?

What were the challenges for the Same-Sex Marriage Fight in the USA and how were they overcome?

What was the role of LGBTQ poetry in changing the Women's Rights Movement of the 1960s?

What was the importance of civil disobedience in the Women's Rights Movement of the 1960s?

Is the treatment of African-American college athletes in modern times a form of modern slavery?

What role did Vietnam Veterans play in the Vietnam protest movement?

What were the effects of PTSD on Vietnam War soldiers?

What role did women college students play in the Vietnam War protest movement?

What obstacles did women face and overcome in the 1970s women's rights movement?

What is the history of the 'Asian model minority' myth and what have been its consequences?

What obstacles were faced and overcome by the Native American Rights Movement of the 1960s-70s?

What was the role of high school students in the Civil Rights Movement?

How instrumental was the Children's March in the Civil Rights Movement?

What was the real history behind the women in the movie Hidden Figures?

Why wasn't Nicola Tesla as famous as Thomas Edison?

What effects did the rise of advertising have on the self-esteem and image of teenage girls?

How have women tried to change the images of advertising since the 1980s?

What was the role of Jazz Music in the Civil Rights Movement?

How did Science Fiction films of the 1970s reflect The Vietnam War?

How did Japanese Americans resist the years of Japanese Internment Camp oppression?

What was the real history behind the Salem Witch Trials?

What was the history behind The Chinese Exclusion Act and how did Chinese Immigrants resist it?

What was the importance of punk rock music in challenging Conservatism in the 1970s-80?

How did the Women's Professional Baseball League offer resistance for women during World War II?

How did African-Americans use religion as a form of resistance during slavery?

What was the history behind Nat Turner's Slave Rebellion?

What was the importance of new weapons in ….(The American Revolution…or Civil War…or WWI…or WWII?)

How has the war on drugs become a second Jim Crow against African-Americans 1980s-1990s?

Why is the USA Medical Care system so ineffective and costly?

**Mr. C Ideas on Finding a Good Topic for your US History Research Paper**

1. **Is there one "US History Topic" you want to read and learn more about?**

-The 1960s Civil Rights Movement

-Martin Luther King and Malcolm X?

-The role of high school students in the Civil Rights Movement?

-Was there an Asian-American Rights Movement?

-The Vietnam War

-Why did USA bomb Laos and Cambodia so much?

-Did the student protest movement stop the war?

-9/11

-Why did 9/11 happen?

-The Korean War

-What did the USA do in North Korea?

-World War II

-What were the major battles for the USA in WWII?

-Alice Paul and suffrage

-What else did Alice Paul do?

-What was 'Women's Rights Movement' of the 1960s-today?

-Slavery and The Civil War

-Research Resistance in more detail such as Nat Turner or Abolitionists

-Read the great book about Abraham Lincoln "Team of Rivals"

-Immigrants

-Research in more detail 1 immigrant group to the USA

-Native Americans

-Research in more detail The Trail of Tears or Crazy Horse, etc.

1. **Is there one "non-History" topic you are passionate about that we can relate to "US History"**

-MUSIC

-History of 1 form of US music such as jazz, blues, or rock n roll

-Importance of rap and hip-hop as protest music?

-Importance of punk rock as protest music?

-Influence of 60s protest music in ending Vietnam War?

-Bob Dylan?

-ART

-History of 1 form of US art form

-Andy Warhol? -Jackson Pollack? -Georgia O'Keefe?

-US Photography

-US architecture

-LITERATURE

-History of 1 form of US Literature

-Focus on 1 US Writer such as…Emily Dickinson and poetry

Toni Morrison and African-Americans

Amy Tan and Asian-Americans

Jack Kerouac and 60s Beat Poets

-TECHNOLOGY

-History of the Internet or computers in USA

-Bill Gates and Steve Jobs

-NASA and space exploration

-Green Energy and Green Technology

-Nicola Tesla vs. Thomas Edison

SPORTS

-History of US sports such as baseball or basketball

-FASHION

-Focus on 1 period of fashion in US History

-1 PLACE or AREA of UNITED STATES

-History of Los Angeles or Seattle

-History of San Francisco Chinatown

-Gang violence in Chicago

-Yellowstone National Park

-Native Americans or Native American Reservations

1. Is there a 'current event' or "issue' you are interested in? (Remember must be before 2008)

-Modern day feminism

-Modern day immigration debate

-Modern day US International Relations (such as US-China-Taiwan Relations)

-Environment and Environment Protection in USA

-Gun violence in USA

-USA war on drugs

1. **MR C KEY TO DOING THIS RESEARCH PAPER:**

BALANCE INTEREST + CAN FIND SOURCES FOR

I think THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS that you can find 1 great book on a topic you are interested in!

Yes, I want you to do a topic on something you are interested in, but maybe more important for this research paper is that you can find 1 great book about it. So if you choose a topic but cannot find a great book about it, then it will be very difficult to write this research paper. So I would ultimately choose a topic that you are interested in AND you can find a great book about.

This is a RESEARCH paper, so you must read and do research about your topic. I think the most important thing is to find 1 GREAT BOOK that is "academic" and can be the heart of your research paper. Then we can use this 1 book to find its other sources- both secondary and primary.

**1819 Dr Soublet US History research paper topic possibilities**

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Don't want a "history" topic because you think "history" is boring? Good news! Here are some possible topics that don't appear to be "history" topics but would be possible topics--provided that you craft, with help, a solid historical research question.

**Culture**

Importance of Sesame Street for inner city youths

McMansions as status symbols

White flight to the inner city

Reinforcement of 1950s beauty norms

Box-office profits reinforcing the gender pay gap

TV sitcoms normalizing DV and other behavior

Role of female comedians in changing gender norms

Disney movie moms vs tv moms

Disney princesses and ethnic issues--love vs greater good

Re-examining "Charlie's Angels"

Re-examining "Remington Steele" or "Moonlighting"

The sexualization of women in video games

RomComs role in heteronormative gender stereotypes

The "Law and Order" Impact

The "CSI" impact

Cultural appropriation

Impact of gender fluidity in dance

Re-examining "Good Times"

Re-examining Bill Cosby

The impact of *Roots*

Movies about the socioeconomically disadvantaged and who makes them

The impact of advertising on heteronormative gender roles

Impact of US actions on Native American culture through song, music, art

Impact of US on African American culture through song, music, art

Impact of US on Hispanic American/Latino American culture through song, music, art

Impact of US on Asian American culture through song, music, art

Impact of US on Muslim American culture through song, music, art

Dealing with different skin tones--fashion and make-up

Impact of the fashion industry on female body image

The fall of ethnic minority cultural icons

Who goes on the money?

Who gets the monuments?

Re-examining "The Brady Bunch"

Re-examining any of the John Hughes films

**Music**

Double standards in the music industry

The rise of female hip-hop groups--Salt 'n' Peppa, TLC

The role of religion in rap--Chance the Rapper

Evolution of hip-hop

Protest songs

Slave songs

The importance of spirituals to the Civil Rights Movement

Rap and hip-hop music videos

East coast vs West coast rap

Any musical genre you're interested in, we can find a historical connection

Cultural appropriation in music

**Science**

The design and evolution of the space suits

The design and evolution of space capsules--impact of female astronauts

The impact of science on religion

The impact of the space race on food

The women and girls who helped build the atomic bombs

The impact of technology on sports injuries

Any science thing you're interested in, we can find a historical connections--with the exception of the space race. Except as noted above (space race and food), just doing the space race is not ok.

**Food**

Influence of multi-colored peeps on American pop culture

Impact of TV dinners on the nuclear family

Impact of Julia Child and the rise of the celebrity chefs

Double standards in the food industry

What is American cuisine

Ethnic minority groups contributions to American cuisine

The Americanization of ethnic minority food

**Sports**

Politicizing the Olympics

Integration of traditional Olympic sports--moving beyond Jesse Owens

Integration of the x-games Olympic sports

The impact of Title IX of the Education Act of 1972

Redefining sport in light of Title IX of the Education Act of 1972

The Cold War as played out in sports

The All-American Girls' Baseball League

Economics and baseball--Billy Beane

One and dones and the impact on NCAA basketball

Employment laws and NCAA sports

Pro-sports contracts and the impact on socioeconomically disadvantaged students

MJ (corporate image) vs AI (street hoops)

When religion and sports collide

The 1984 Olympics

The rise of the Williams sisters and the 1984 Olympics

Pat Summitt

Gender pay gap in professional sports

The 1936 Olympics men's eight--mirror of the Great Depression

The impact of technology on sports injuries

**Politics**

The impact of cable news programs on political discourse

Impact of female comedians on political discourse

Affirmative action

Double standards in politics

The importance of satire in political discourse

**Social Justice**

The Algiers Motel incident

The resegregation of American public schools

Impact of charter schools on public schools

The modern day robber barons

Integration of teachers after *Brown*

Moral licensing and its impact on politics, justice

Affirmative action

Criminal organizations and how the justice system treats them

Native American gaming

Native American tribes and federal recognition

Cellphone accountability

Social media accountability

The "Law and Order" impact

The "CSI" impact

Social stigma of social welfare programs

The importance of Harvey Milk

The role of LGBT activists in the Civil Rights Movement

Philanthropy--is it always good?

Rise of Islamophobia after Sept 11th

The militarization of patriotism--the NFL in the wake of Sept 11th

The politicization of memory--America post Sept 11th

Memory and memorials--9/11, OKC, role of victims' families in planning

Memory and memorials--Civil War

Memory and memorials to tragedies and why they have gift shops

Majority-minority status in the U.S.

The evolution of the N.R.A.

The crack cocaine, methamphetamine and opioid epidemics

Racial bias in the criminal justice system

The creation of the suburbs

The use of sexual violence in the Civil Rights Movement

Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the Confederacy

Legitimizing the Confederacy and the implications for racial issues in the U.S.

**Literature**

Any American poet, author, etc, we can find a historical connection.

**Media**

The impact of female war correspondents in WWII

The rise of photojournalism

The importance of Dorothea Lange and Margaret Bourke White

The double standard in journalism

The rise of the daytime TV talk show--reinforcing heteronormative gender roles?

The lasting impact of the living room war

**Art**

Any American artist of any media, we can find a historical connection

**Technology**

Any technology thing you're interested in, we can find a connection--except for gaming. You can't just do the development of gaming because that doesn't really involve the analysis of evidence and connection back to a claim.