RESEARCH PAPER ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. ASSIGNMENT: The research you conduct must pertain to any period of history which was or will be studied this year in Global History [Dawn of Civilization-The French Revolution (4000 B.C.-1789 A.D.)] You may choose any topic (person/event) from the list provided. If you wish to research a topic that is not on the list you must see me. **YOUR TOPIC MUST BE APPROVED BY ME.**

   A) Research your assigned person/event. Include background information of the person or event (biography, policies/ or causes and background leading up to the event).

   B) Describe the effect that this person or event had on the people who live in that area (include results of the policies or event).

   C) Include your opinion of the topic.

   D) Your paper should be three (3) pages not including the title page and bibliography. The paper must be typed, double spaced, with a font size of 12 and margins of 1” to 1” on all sides. Number pages except the title page.

2. SOURCE REQUIREMENTS: You are required to use the following sources:

   A) **Primary Sources:** Use at least two (2) first hand accounts of your topic, and make sure you put the information in your own words. Please do not use more than one or two direct quotations. Too many direct quotes will hurt your grade.

   B) **Secondary Sources:** You must use at least one source from Islip’s VRC and at least one book.

**DO NOT TAKE INFORMATION FROM WEBSITES.** This information is often inaccurate.

While at home, you may access Islip High Schools Databases by following these steps:

1. Go to [http://destiny.islipufsd.org](http://destiny.islipufsd.org)
2. Click on “High School”
3. Under Islip High School (IHS) Databases, click on VIRTUAL REFERENCE COLLECTION
4. Click on HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION
5. Under History/Geography, click on ABC Clio World History- Ancient and Medieval Eras OR Under Reference, click on Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated
6. Your username is ISLIPH5S and your password is LIBRARY

3. CITATIONS:

   A) You must use footnotes in the body of your paper.

   B) A bibliography must be included at the end of your paper.
Any plagiarized paper will receive a grade of zero. When you quote a person or a publication, or if you describe their ideas, you are using a source that must be identified. If you use someone else’s words or ideas and do not give them credit, you are guilty of plagiarism which means stealing someone else’s ideas. Plagiarism is considered scholastic dishonesty, and will result in a grade of zero for your paper.

4. **GRADING:**

**FINAL PAPER DUE DATE:**

Ten (10) points will be deducted for each day the paper is late. **No papers will be accepted after**

There will be NO exceptions to this date. Your grade will be based on content, supportive information, neatness, and grammar. This paper will count as two test grades.

Title page: 5%

Introduction/Conclusion: 10%

Content/Analysis: 55%

Sentence structure, grammar/spelling: 10%

Footnotes: 10%

Bibliography: 10%

**Possible Outline**

**Paragraph 1:** Introduction with a **thesis statement** explaining your topic.

**Paragraphs 2-4 (or more):** Give background information (introduction of person and his polices or description of event and causes of the event). Put this information in your own words or use quotes and give credit to the author/source (footnotes). Don’t plagiarize.

**Paragraphs 5-7 (or more):** Explain the impact of your person or event. Either put these examples in your own words or directly quote the article and give credit to the author/source (footnotes). Don’t plagiarize.

**Paragraph 8 (or more):** Give your opinion of the topic.

**Paragraph 9:** Conclusion. First, restate the main point or points you have attempted to make. State any conclusions you have reached. If historians have conflicting views of the historical event, you might wish to support one of them and state your reasons. You might also wish to suggest why the information presented in your paper is beneficial or how it might be used in the future. The conclusion should be approximately one or two paragraphs in length.