

Find your family in history—Paper  
Due Nov 17

This assignment is designed to bring history to you on a personal level. I have found that students tend to remember and enjoy the past more if they can make personal connections. Therefore, it will be your task to decide on an event or period in the twentieth century in which one of your family members took part. Please do not confuse this with genealogy. I am not asking you to retrace your family tree. Instead, I am asking you to write about an event or several events in which your family took part. For instance, my father was on the *USS Tennessee* on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. It would be my task to write about his experience that morning and how the war personally affected him. To do this I would begin by interviewing my father (this is also called oral history) and then support my findings with at least two more primary sources, such as letters, a diary, or a newspaper from that time, and at least three secondary sources.

To ensure that this project is not put off until the last minute, and to assure me that you have begun on the right track on **September 29** you will turn in a one-page typed proposal paper. (Handwritten proposals will not be accepted.) The proposal will contain a one-paragraph (not a series of phrases or a sentence or two) explanation of your topic and your thesis, a list of sources, and a brief outline. You must get your topic approved by me or your paper will not be accepted and you will receive an F for the assignment.

**Requirements:**

1. You need 4 primary and 4 secondary sources.
2. Write a 5 to 6 page paper (no shorter and no longer).
3. It must be typed. Use 12 point Times Roman font, double-space, (do not quadruple space between paragraphs).
4. Use parenthetical citations to cite your sources. Put last name and page number such as: (Smith, 45-47). – at the end of the paragraph you used the information.
5. Please number your pages.
6. You need a title page with your name, class period, paper title, and date. Please do not put your name on the subsequent pages.
7. You also need a Works Cited page in alphabetical order according to the last name of the author.
8. Finally, **no late papers will be accepted.** Printer failures or glitches will not be tolerated as a reason for a late paper, so prepare your paper in advance to avoid such problems.

**Your Paper will be graded on:**

1. Sources—10 points
2. Thesis Statement—20 points
- ★ 3. Argument—30 points
4. Title page, correct # of pages & use of page numbers, double-spacing, font type & size—10 points