The Roaring '20s Research Paper
STEP THREE: WRITING THE RESEARCH PAPER

Format:

- Type your research paper
- Times New Roman, 12 point font
- Use the following heading:

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- Paper should be 3-5 pages long, *double-spaced*
- Must have an additional works cited page as the last page of the paper (does not count as one of the 3-5 pages).
- Proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar
- Indent each new paragraph
- Cite all of your sources immediately after using them (Author) if there is no author use the title (Title).
- Organize your paper according to the following format:

  **Introduction**
  Description and introduction of your topic/area of focus

  **Body Par. 1**-
  Answers the “why” part of your research question

  **Body Par. 2**-
  Answers the “how” part of your research question

  **Conclusion**
  Sums up your research

  **Works Cited**
Write an Introduction

Step 1: Define the topic.

Step 2: Give a relevant background of the time period. What led to this period in history?

Step 3: Give examples of the topic.

Step 4: Thesis: Answer your research question.

- Include a time frame (Roaring ’20s or 1920-1930).
- Directly answer your research question. Take a clear position on the topic with 2-3 pieces of evidence.
Write a Body Paragraph *must be at least 8 sentences long*

1. Organize your essay by your research question and the evidence you listed in your thesis. The 1st body paragraph should answer the “why” part of your research question and should include the 1st piece of evidence listed in your thesis. The 2nd body paragraph should answer the “how” part of your research question and should include the 2nd piece of evidence listed in your thesis.

2. Follow the TEES format to write your body paragraphs:
   - **Topic** sentence
     - **Evidence:** Answer your research question by using evidence. Explain what the evidence is saying or showing (what is the main idea, what is the historical context, how does the evidence relate to or answer your research question?)
       - CITE your evidence immediately after using it.
         - **Example with a known author:** Use the author’s last name. “According to Historian John Smith, children had to work for 12 hours a day” (Smith).
         - **Example without an author:** Use the title of the webpage. “Children would often get their hands caught in machines” (“Child Labor Conditions”).

   - **Expansion of Evidence:** Analyze the evidence in one of the ways listed below and explain the importance of the evidence.
     - This is important because…
     - This shows that…
     - This is similar to…
     - Because of…, then…
     - This impacts…. because…
     - As a result of this...
     - The benefits of this are...
     - This is helpful because...
     - The disadvantages of this are...
     - This shows that…

   - **Summary** sentence
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Write a Conclusion

Step 1: Restate the thesis in DIFFERENT words (answer your research question!)

Step 2: Briefly summarize in 1-2 sentences the significance of evidence 1 listed in the thesis.

Step 3: Briefly summarize in 1-2 sentences the significance of evidence 2 listed in the thesis.

Step 4: Explain the overall significance of the time period.

Step 5: Give the reader a sense of closure about your research question.

Create a Works Cited Page

Everyone MUST submit a works cited page in the proper format. The works cited page should be the last page of your essay and it is a list of all of the sources you used. Your works cited page does not count as the 3-5 page requirement.

- You must have 4 sources listed in alphabetical order.
- Each source must be separated by one line and the second line must be indented (see examples below).
- The following list will help you write the works cited page. First find the type of source below and then copy the format. www.easybib.com is a great resource for help on how to create a works cited page.

BOOKS
Author . *(Last name, first name)*. *Title of Book*. City of Publication: Publisher , Copyright Date. Print.

Example:

INTERNET SITES
Author . *(Last name, first name)*. “Title of Page.” Name of website, Date created URL (Date accessed).

Example: