Research Paper Topics for Federal Government

An effective Foreign Policy, Economic Policy, and Public or Social Policy is essential for a nation to function in a world economy. Which policy do you believe is most important for the United States to be a successful leader in the world?

In the process of developing your position on the topic, include some history and development of the current policy, along with, some view of the future

Your persuasive research paper, for this class, should meet the following criteria.

- MLA FORMAT-There will be a significant point reduction if this format is not used. If you need clarification about MLA Format, you may get information from numerous places. The following is a list of some of the places you may get additional information.
  - MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers 7th edition
  - The Library-A guide is available.
  - Lone Star. Click on Libraries. You will see the words “Help With Research.” Under that heading, you will see an option for “Citation Help.” If you click on that link, you will see “MLA Citation Guide” and “Documenting Sources in MLA Style: On campus tutoring center
- Remember to use third person when writing. Not first person.
- Five Sources – A maximum of three (3) online sources will be acceptable. Online journals available through the library are considered valid Internet sources. Check with the library. Online sources must be a valid scholarly internet sources. No dot coms.
- Four to six (4-6) Pages in length ---Work Cited page does not count in the total. – No cover sheet required.
- Remember to use parenthetical reference when quoting a source or idea. For details on how to quote specific types of sources, refer to the MLA Handbook, or the guide you are using. These items must be up to date
- Pay attention to heading, margins, and overall structure of paper.
- For a paper to earn a high grade, you must meet expected criteria. The grade is based on more than MLA Format. You are expected to develop a position, support your claim, and validate your assertions. In addition, you should address any opposition to your claim, honestly and directly. Your thesis statement is expected to be at the end of the first paragraph. The thesis statement may be one or two sentences, depending on your claims. Sources must be used in context. Taking a source out of context is not acceptable, and does not reflect college level ability. Anything that does not come from your own thoughts should be cited. Be sure to use sources to validate your assertions, not fill your paper length.

Your subject matter must relate to the Government Issues being discussed in this class.

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