

# US History I

## Mr. Young

### Research Paper Topics List

If you do not see the topic you wish to do on this list, please see Mr. Young to discuss the topic you wish to do. All topics/theses must be approved by us. This is not just a summary paper of the events that occurred. These papers will be 4-6 pages in length. These are broad topics we will be helping everyone find a narrow thesis.

#### 1492-1763

Columbus: Hero or Villain?  
Spanish Settlement in Americas  
Roanoke  
Jamestown  
Plymouth Plantation  
Native American Treaties  
Native American Treatment  
French and Indian Wars  
Deerfield Massacre  
Puritan New England  
Colonial Life  
Women in the Colonies  
Beginnings of Slavery

#### 1763-1789

Enlightenment in America  
Declaration of Independence  
Continental Congress  
American Revolution  
Articles of Confederation  
Shay's Rebellion

#### 1789-1800

Constitutional Convention  
The Constitution  
Bill of Rights  
Federalist Papers  
Slavery and the Constitution  
Women and the Constitution  
Native Americans and the Constitution  
Whiskey Rebellion  
George Washington and the Modern  
    Presidency  
The Federalist Era  
Jeffersonian Democracy  
Beginnings of the Democratic Party  
Louisiana Purchase

#### 1800-1830

Madison and the War of 1812  
Marbury v. Madison  
Alien and Sedition Acts  
The New Capital: Washington D.C.  
Slavery in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century

Missouri Compromise

Monroe Doctrine  
Adams v. Jackson: Election of 1824  
Jacksonian America: Common Man?  
Jackson: The Power of the Presidency  
Democrats v. Whigs  
Trail of Tears  
Amistad Illegal Slave Ship  
First Industrial Revolution: Lowell Mills  
Technology Changes of 19<sup>th</sup> century

#### 1830-1850

Texas Independence  
Mexican War: US Aggression?  
Women's Rights in early 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Seneca Falls Convention  
Slavery on the Verge of War  
Dred Scott Decision  
Uncle Tom's Cabin  
Compromise of 1850  
Fugitive Slave Law  
Slave Revolts  
Abolition Movement  
America's Views on Slavery Pre-Bellum  
Gold Rush  
The Push to Move West  
Mormons in Utah

#### 1850-1877

Kansas-Nebraska Act  
Beginnings of the Republican Party  
John Brown and Rebellion  
Abraham Lincoln and the 1860 Election  
The Civil War and Succession  
Battles of the Civil War  
Assassination of Lincoln  
Reconstruction Acts  
Andrew Johnson's Impeachment  
Civil Rights and the Reconstruction  
    Amendments  
African American Political Power  
Black Codes  
End of Reconstruction: 1876 Election