Position Paper

DUE:

Time Period – 1900 - 2018

This assignment will assess your communication and application skills, be graded using the following marking scheme, and marked out of 50. Please ensure that your marking scheme is attached to the final copy, along with a copy of an edited rough draft.

ASSIGNMENT

In a 5-6 page, double spaced essay (Intro, 3 body paragraphs, and conclusion) respond to ONE of the topics listed below. Ensure that you vary your research and that, not only do you list your sources on a works cited page, but that you also reference them (parenthetically) in the essay itself. Make sure you know the difference between paraphrasing and direct quotations because plagiarism of any sort will result in a mark of zero. You must include an edited rough copy with your final draft and a cover page. You will follow MLA format for this assignment.

TOPICS

1) What factors contributed to the success or failure of prohibitionists in early Canada.

2) Comment on how successful early suffragettes and women’s rights activists in this time period were.

3) In a comparative essay, contrast the economic collapse of 1929 with that of 2008 and discuss either how they were similar. As a comparative essay, the length of this essay will grow to 8 pages.

4) Make the case for the idea that without the efforts of Canadians of Native, Asian, and Black descent World War One would have been harder to have won.

5) Choose 3 specific battles Canadians took part in in World War One and explain how important they were to defining our national character of that time.
6) Discuss how the Flapper of the 20’s was important for breaking stereotypes of how a woman should behave, which lead to the greater social freedom that is enjoyed by women today.

7) Pick 3 labour unions before WW2 and discuss whether or not they were successful.

8) Discuss the social, economic, and political impact that a national Railroad had on Canada before WW2.

9) Name 3 things the progressive movement stood for in the early 20th Century and discuss whether or not they were good or bad for Canada.

10) Which views do you think were right for Canada between 1900 - 1940? Those of the nationalists, imperialists, or continentalists?

11) Discuss how important women were (economically, socially, and politically) to the war effort between 1939-45.

12) How important has the United States been in ensuring the security of Canada since the end of World War Two? To help research this, look into the idea of defense welfare which has been referred to by Mark Steyn.

13) How important do you think the role of the Monarchy is in Canadian history today?

14) Was the Quiet Revolution necessary for the modernization of Quebec?

15) Agree or either disagree with the idea that had it not been for Canada (prior to the arrival of the United States) Great Britain would have lost to the Germans in WW2.

16) Choose 3 specific battles Canadians were involved in in WW2 and comment on how important they were for our national identity.

17) Has Justin Trudeau made good on any of his election promises and does this make him a good or bad Prime Minister?

18) Choose 3 female Canadian athletes and discuss how important their success has been for promoting the equality of women in Canada.
19) Some men claimed in the early 20th Century that women weren’t suited for politics. Choose 3 female politicians from the late 20th and early 21st Century who prove this wrong.

20) Choose either Pierre Trudeau, Brian Mulroney, or Jean Chretien and make the case that the Prime Minster you picked was the worst in our history.

21) Make the case that issues that effect women in Canada (poor self image, domestic violence, and suicide) equally effect men and therefore justify just as much attention and support.

There are many resources on my weebly to help you write this essay. You must follow the paragraph structure that is posted there and I expect to see a thesis sentence, similar to what is also on the weebly, in your intro paragraph. There are some sample essays for you to see what it is that I expect from you and make sure you are following the MLA style guide posted on the library page of our school web site for parenthetical references and work cited entries. Please don’t hesitate to see me regarding ANY questions you might have about ANY component of this assignment. Study hall is an excellent place for you to get help.

**Bonus Marks:**

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Rough copy check – emailed to me no later than 2:35 on Nov. 30th