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Prompt:

Throughout this year we have discussed how America has transitioned through many different eras. Each era is a reaction to the time period before it, thus showing America’s want to change and progress. As you listen to the song “We didn’t Start the Fire” by Billy Joel, choose a topic mentioned and in a research paper analyze how that specific topic started a metaphorical fire in America.

Research Paper Guidelines

1. Must be 2 ½ - 3 pages
2. MUST be typed
3. 12 pt. Font Times New Roman
4. **3** sources total
5. At least **1** print source (included in the total of 3 sources)
6. At least one quote per paragraph
7. No questions
8. MLA format
9. Works cited page
10. Thesis statement
11. Topic sentences for each paragraph
12. Into
13. Conclusion
14. Pages MUST be numbered
15. 1” margins
16. Double Spaced
17. After each period leave 2 spaces
18. Each paragraph must be indented using the “Tab” key
19. Use italics throughout your essay for the titles of longer works and, only when absolutely necessary, providing emphasis.
20. Do not make a title page for your paper
21. In the upper left-hand corner of the first page, list your name, your instructor's name, the course, and the date. Again, be sure to use double-spaced text
22. Double space again and center the title. Do not underline, italicize, or place your title in quotation marks; write the title in Title Case (standard capitalization), not in all capital letters.
23. Double space between the title and the first line of the text.
24. Create a header in the upper right-hand corner that includes your last name, followed by a space with a page number; number all pages consecutively with Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.), one-half inch from the top and flush with the right margin.

How to organize your writing:

Although you will have more than five paragraphs in your essay, you should organize your paper into five sections:

1. Intro: This is where you **introduce** your topic (**this should only be one paragraph**)
   1. What is it?
   2. Why is it important?
2. Background: Where did your topic come from? Who is responsible for the change your topic made (the metaphorical change)? What did it come out of?
   1. You may also include in this section why American needed this influence
   2. For a person- what influenced them?
3. Happenings: this should be the majority of your paper
   1. What did he/she/it do?
   2. How was it received by America?
   3. Where/ when did the change begin/ happen?
   4. Where there any people that resisted?
   5. What group did it influence? Why this group?
   6. This is also where you will address the “subtopics” you wrote about on your “starter” sheet.
4. Influence felt in 2015: this should only be about one paragraph
   1. How did your subject influence the American life we know today?
5. Conclusion: wrap up what you have already said (**this should only be one paragraph**)
   1. DO NOT ADD ANY NEW INFORMATION IN THIS SECTION