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Rough Draft/Final Copy

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Writing the Rough Draft

Sophistication

Try to prove something interesting in your paper and say something meaningful. You are showing whether or not your historical novel is historically accurate. First, start by summarizing the plot of your novel. Avoid devoting too much of your paper to summarizing (7-10 sentences). Use important events that you believe are historical as a spring board for your analysis. After summarizing your novel, begin discussing each of your research topics. Introduce each topic by quoting your historical novel. Then give information about what actually happened in history. Finally, in each paragraph, compare what happened in your novel to what actually happened in history. Your final paragraphs will discuss if, overall, your novel was historically accurate. This is a research paper so don't make things up, or if you do, find some facts to confirm your claims.

Making Paragraphs

Remember, every paragraph should support your thesis in some way. From your outline, you should have a good idea of what you will be writing about in each paragraph. Make sure you have strong topic sentences, evidence to support your topic sentences, and clinchers. Your evidence might be plot points from your historical novel, historical information, or quotations. Your topic sentences and/or your clinchers should show how your evidence supports your thesis.

Transitions

Sometimes it is difficult to make research papers flow. Resist the temptation to randomly write down information from your note cards. Don't just transcribe information without any thought to how it can be used to support a point or how it can be grouped together to show connections. For instance, in a paragraph that shows the differences between your novel and history, don't just list differences. Develop a comparison into a true paragraph that

supports your thesis. Also, make sure paragraphs logically flow. Provide transitions between paragraphs.

Abrupt transition between paragraphs:

Ahaiyuta, with the help of his brother, killed the leader of his enemy tribe. This allowed the life giving rains to come to his people and him to return home as a hero.

The Zuni people depended mostly on farming. Corn was their most important crop.

Smooth transition:

Ahaiyuta, with the help of his brother, killed the leader of his enemy tribe. This allowed the life giving rains to come to his people and him to return home as a hero.

Ahaiyuta becomes a hero because he has put himself on the line to help his community with a natural problem. The Zuni depended mostly on farming, so when the cloud eater comes, their way of life is threatened. Corn was their most important crop.

The Final Draft

- **The final draft is made up of your paper and the works cited.**
- The final draft must be 4-6 pages typed. **No more, no less.** It must be:
 - ✓ double spaced (no spaces between paragraphs, hit tab once to indent)
 - ✓ in 12 point Times New Roman
 - ✓ in black ink (check your printer tonight)
 - ✓ formatted to 1" margins all the way around (I can tell when they're too big)
- Use a header on every page including the works cited. The header is made up of your last name and the page number. This header should be ½" from the top and on the right hand side of the page. You can type this header in manually or you can have the computer format it for you. Follow the following steps to get the header:

Under “Insert” in your menu bar you will see a “Header and Footer” option. Click on that and you will automatically get a header box ½ inch down from the top margin in which you can write anything. Below the box will be a header and footer tool bar. Use tab to get all the way over to the right side of the page in the box, and type your last name. Then, with your mouse, click on the icon in the tool bar that looks like a little sheet of paper with a number sign on it. If you put the mouse pointer over the correct icon, a bubble that reads “Insert page number” will pop up. After you are done clicking on the icon, click on the work “close” at the very right of the tool bar. This will allow you to get back to typing your paper. The rest of your headers will be automatically formatted.

- Use the following heading on the first page only. It should be left justified and double spaced.

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- Center your title below the heading. Make sure your title is original and creative.
- Don’t forget parenthetical citations. Make sure you review what parenthetical citations should look like.
- Make sure the language you use in your paper is appropriate. This means it must be formal. Don’t refer to yourself by saying “I” or “my”. Don’t say “you”. Avoid slang, symbols, and abbreviations. Finally, do not use contractions. Contractions are combined words such as “don’t” and “it’s”. Do not combine words; write them out. For “don’t”, write “do not”. For “it’s”, write “it is”. Contractions are conversational and weaken the formal tone of a paper. Besides, writing the words out will make your paper longer! So instead of seeing this rule as just another annoying rule to forget, use it to benefit the length of your paper.
- Your final draft is worth 1/3 of your third marking period average.

Good luck! You are almost done!!!!!!!!!!!!