

**United States History & Government Honors
Summer 2009
Paper #1
Mr. Matute**

Format for Papers and Other Written Work

All written papers **must be typed**, using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman). The text should be double-spaced except for block quotations, notes, captions, and long headings, that should be single spaced with a blank space line between items. Leave a margin of one inch on all four edges of the page. Paper should be stapled in the upper left-hand corner.

Your paper must have a Title Page as follows:

Center of the paper = Full title of the paper
Name of school
Student Last name, first name
Name of teacher
Name of the course, section/ period
Date

*Although the title page counts as page 1, the number is not shown on it.
Points will be deducted for any deviation from these guidelines.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is passing off other people's work, either their words or their ideas, as your own. You will be required to rewrite any plagiarized assignment (or you may well get a fifty-five for the assignment.)

You may use secondary and primary sources. Be certain to **properly cite** them and to include a **Works Cited page**. All words **not** within quotation marks **must** be your own.

Assignment: Paper # 1

Part of the U.S. History Honors course is understanding different viewpoints. We will discuss certain events/topics & you will be expected to not only form your own opinion, but to examine the different opinions of scholars/historians. To do this, you will be required to write several papers where you will evaluate the different viewpoints and take a stand on the issue. This paper is the first of five papers that you will write throughout the year.

Most students in American classrooms know the words to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. Most of us recite the Pledge on a daily basis & yet do we really understand its meaning? Some individuals are, for different reasons, opposed to reciting the pledge. For this assignment, you will be expected to:

- Provide a brief history of the *Pledge of Allegiance* (1/2 page).

- Explain the meaning of the Pledge. (1/2 page).
- Speak to your parents/grandparents about their understanding of the pledge. Try to speak to at least two different generations (1 page).
- Cite one argument for and one argument against reciting the Pledge. You may cite magazine articles, court cases or other documents that argue the pros or cons of reciting the pledge (2 pages).
- Explain which side you agree with and why (1 page).

Paper is due on the first day of class. Late papers will be marked down 10 points for each day (not class) of lateness.

Sources

The following are approved websites:

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/edu/supct/index.html>

<http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/supreme.html>

You may access the Databases listed below from your home by:

- 1) Log on to TUFSD.ORG
- 2) Highlight Library Media Center
- 3) Click on Sleepy Hollow Media Center
- 4) Click on the database that you are interested in (if necessary use the username & password provided below)
 - a) American History user name= Sleepy Password= hollow
 - b) GALE databases remote access allowed Password= empirelink
 - c) PROQUEST username= HQ8F3HBRW8 Password= welcome