**The Inquiry Process: History Research Essay**

The study of history allows us to fulfill a deep human desire to understand ourselves and the world in which we live. We may pursue this understanding by exploring the narrative of history through stories, documents and artifacts left by our earliest ancestors. From these we learn about the people and their life, events, social and political organization, rites and rituals, religious beliefs, struggles, and their triumphs and tribulations. Through the ***Inquiry Process*** you will be able to examine a specific topic and investigate it more thoroughly so as to better understanding its historical significance. You may examine a specific historical event, civilization or historical figure and evaluate its significance to the study of history by applying one or more of the following ***concepts of historical thinking: historical significance, cause and consequence, continuity and change and historical perspective.*** Remember, your topic and thesis or central argument must be directly related to the enduring expectations or the course itself. The process will be included in your term mark and the final essay will be your course culminating activity.

**Some Possible Topics: Review your textbook table of contents to get more ideas!**

     Plato and/or Socrates

     Aristotle-The Greeks

     Socrates-The Greeks

     Ancient Sparta

     Athenian Democracy

     Alexander the Great

     Julius Caesar

     Augustus Caesar

     Roman Republican Government

     Michelangelo

     Leonard da Vinci

     The Renaissance

     Feudalism

     The Crusades

* The Vikings

     Martin Luther and the Reformation

       The Inquisition

     The Byzantine Empire

     The Church in the Early Middle Ages

     The Merovingians

     The Carolingians

* The Normans / The Norman invasion of England
* Women in Medieval society
* King Arthur: myth or legend?

     The Mayans

     The Aztecs

     The Inca

     Ancient Egypt

     The Great Zimbabwe

     The Golden Age of Islam

     Ancient Mesopotamia

     Confucius

     The Teachings of the Buddha

     The Bubonic Plague

* The Mughal Empire
* Indus Valley Civilization (India)
* Ancient Japan

**Essay Format:**

     1200 – 1500 words or 4 to 5 double spaced pages

     Arial or Times Roman font with 12 point font

     Bold face your thesis as it appears in the first paragraph

     Embedded notes must be included for statistical information, data, direct quotes and ideas gleamed from secondary sources. Please use the M.L.A. formatting style.

     An alphabetized reference list must be included. A minimum of five references should be used, including at least one primary source

****     A separate annotated bibliography must be included for two sources

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| **Essay Process #1** | Wednesday December 4, 2013 |
| **Essay Process #2** | Monday December 16, 2013 |
| **Final Written Product** | Wednesday January 8, 2014 |