

Name: _____

- * Something that has had an impact on European history in the last 1,000 years
- * 4-5 page research paper
- * At least 6 sources

_____ Begin
_____ Be Careful
_____ See Me

Topic Selection Sheet

Part I – Pre-research

1. What topic are you choosing to research? *(If topic is not on the list, you will need to fill out an additional form: the Research Proposal Form.)*

2. What knowledge do you already have concerning this topic? List or explain what you already know.

3. Come up with three questions that would help you begin your further exploration of this topic.

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→ _____
→ _____

Part II – Preliminary research and beginning to keep track of sources

4. Before you commit to your topic and begin to formally take notes, explore the information available. Fill out the following table with 1) the source (enough information so that you could find it again – including 2) page # if from a book) and a 3) brief summary of helpful information provided by the source.

1)Source (URL, Call #, Book Title, author, date - enough to find source again)	2) If book, pg.#	3) Brief Summary

5. Is your topic researchable? Are you finding new and different information/examples/evidence from the different sources you went to? (Or just the same info repeated?)

List of Topics for Sophomore Project
Think "IMPACT", not just what happened...

All topics must be approved by your teacher. Yet, if a topic is not on the list, it does not mean you cannot research it and its impact – but you must complete a Research Proposal Form.

The Middle Ages

Impact of Great Schism (1054)
Thomas Beckett
Crusades (changes in Europe)

The Renaissance and Reformation

John Calvin in Geneva
Reconquista
The Jesuits
Thomas More

Enlightenment/Scientific Revolution/ Absolutism

Gun Powder Plot
Oliver Cromwell
Tycho Brahe
Gailileo
The Fronde
The Glorious Revolution

The French Revolution and Napoleon

Declaration of the Rights of Man
Napoleon (NOT milit. strategy)
Congress of Vienna

Industrial Revolution

Unions
Urbanization (focus on specific city)

Nationalism

Otto von Bismarck
Crimean War
Effect of Imperialism on Specific European Country
Franco-Prussian War
Irish Nationalism/Independence Movement
Freud (impact on psychiatry/medicine)

WWI (stay focused in Europe)

Battle of Tannenburg
Role of Journalism
Impact of New Weaponry
Italy's Role

Interwar

Vladimir Lenin
Leon Trotsky
Russian Revolution (coup or revolution?)
Stalin (Five-Year Plans/Collectivization, Great Purge)
Mussolini (taking Ethiopia, Italian recovery)
Spanish Civil War

WWII (stay focused in Europe)

Propaganda (be focused...)
Tehran, Yalta, and/or Potsdam conferences

Post-WWII and Cold War (for all the following, students should already have at least an idea of the topic)

Division of Germany
Reunification of Germany
Polish Solidarity Movement
The Troubles (Ireland)

LIST OF PROHIBITED TOPICS:

The Medicis, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Black Plague, Martin Luther, Robespierre, Treaty of Versailles, Hitler, Stalingrad, Operation Barbarossa, Holocaust

Additional prohibited topics unless a remarkable research question is approved from the beginning:

Elizabeth I, Richelieu, Dreyfus Affair, Irish Potato Famine, Women's Rights, Schlieffen Plan, Churchill, Berlin Olympics 1936, Dresden, Chernobyl

Remember: When considering your topic's impact, the impact must be specific and tangible: NOT the _____'s impact on "society" or "Europe" etc.

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Thesis Refinement Sheet (TRS)

Part III - The purpose of this sheet is to keep track of the development of your thesis. Remember you will be changing and improving your thesis at each stage.

#1 My topic _____ and its impact on _____. (due: _____)

#2 Research Question - as detailed as possible (due: _____):

#3 Preliminary Thesis: (due: _____)

Strong_____ Almost There_____ Needs Work _____ Really Needs Work _____

#4 Refined Preliminary Thesis : (due: _____)

Strong_____ Almost There_____ Needs Work _____ Really Needs Work _____

#5 Refined Thesis: (due: _____)

Strong_____ Almost There_____ Needs Work _____ Really Needs Work _____

#6 Final Thesis: (due: _____)

Strong_____ Almost There_____ Needs Work _____ Really Needs Work _____

