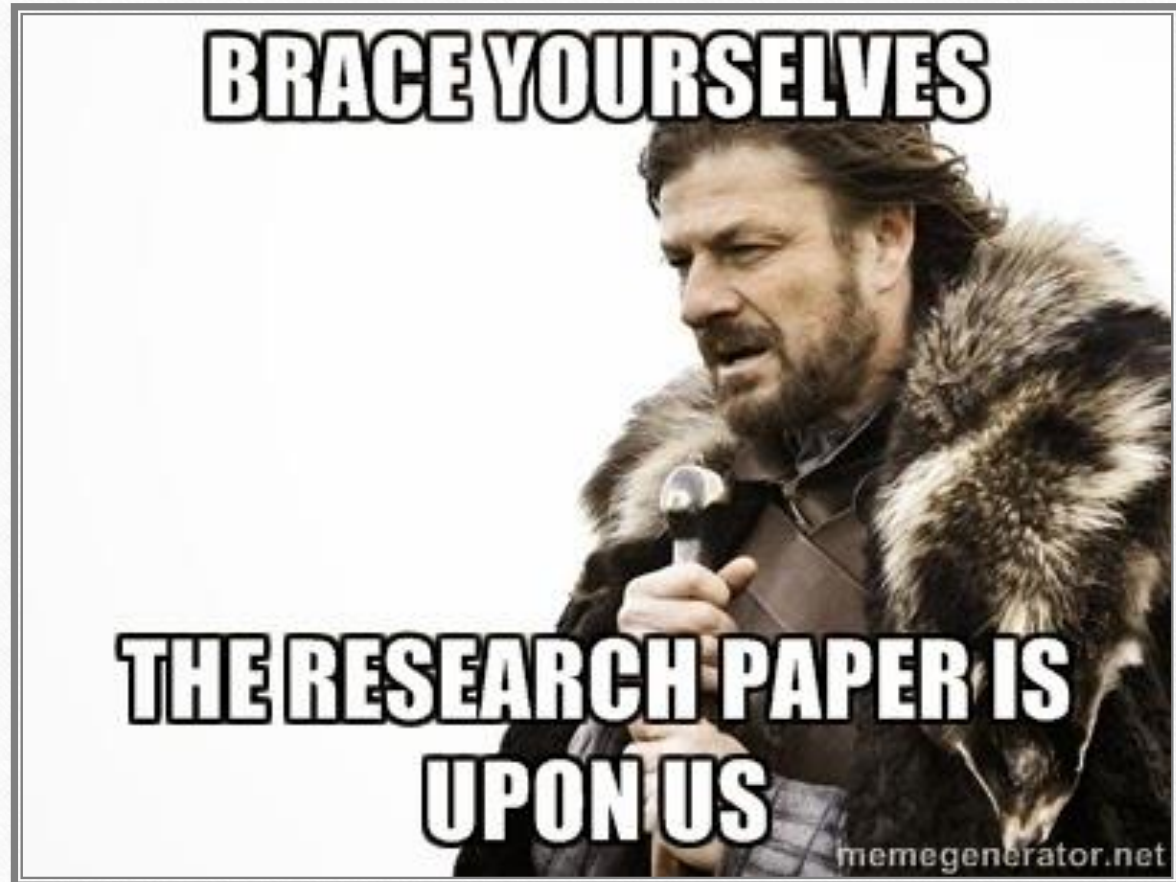


Civics Research Outline

Ruether, 19-20

What is it?

- Agenda:
 - Civics
Outline Overview
 - Packet Instructions
 - Initial Civics
Research Time due tomorrow (STEP 1)
 - Grab a device and get to work!



Happy Friday!

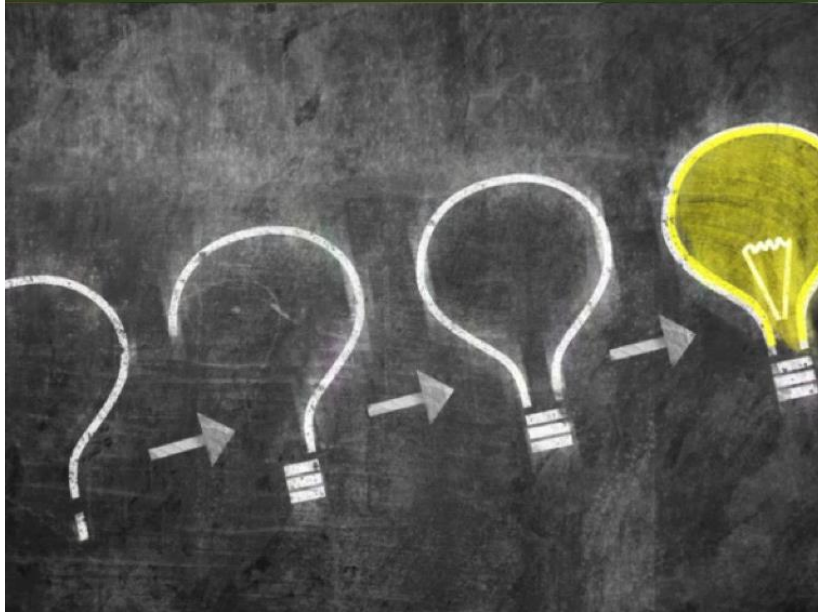
- Please turn in your packets to be checked over
 - Are there any questions about the outline so far?
- What are we doing this weekend?
- Please get your notes out for a brief lecture

**ME WHEN I GOT TO WRITE
A PAPER FOR HISTORY**



**BUT I ZONED OUT WHEN
TEACHER WAS TALKING**

The research question



Step 2: Research Question

- Research questions are used to guide research and/or thesis statement.
- However, poorly written research questions can confuse your thesis statement and the writing process.

Step 2: Research Questions

Avoid Vague Questions

- **Too broad** a topic means only covering the surface of that person or issue
 - The Russian Revolution would be too big to manage in a reasonable length paper
- Focus on one issue within that topic
 - How did Tsar Nicholas' policies contribute to the Russian Revolution?

Step 2: Research Questions

Reference questions are typically answered with known facts or statistics.

- You will likely have to ask some reference questions in your research.
- Ex: "What percentage of traffic crime in 1999 was committed in the United States?"



RESEARCH PAPERS

RESEARCH PAPERS EVERYWHERE

Step 2: Research Questions

Review or report questions are typically answered with what is generally known about a narrow topic.

- Ex: “How did the original thirteen colonies become the United States?”

Step 2: Research Questions

Research questions are open-ended. They require a variety of accumulated information from different sources to develop an answer, and requires you to draw your own opinion.

- Ex: "How does Hawaii's location and climate affect its economy?"

Format #1

- How did _____ (your case) + impact _____ (part of society changed by decision in the case)
- *How did Texas v. Johnson impact the **ability for citizens to assemble and protest?***
- *How did Engel v. Vitale impact the **issue of the separation of church and state institutions?***

Format #2

- What role did _____ (your case) + play in _____
(part of society changed by decision in the case)
- *What role did Texas v. Johnson play in **defining the constitutional right for citizens to protest?***
- *What role did Engel v. Vitale play in **establishing a clear distinction between church and state?***



Step 2: Research Question

- Focus your topic (choose one Supreme Court case)
- Brainstorm/research the Constitutional issue in your case
 - Texas v. Johnson=1st Amendment/Civil Liberties
- Develop a research question



Time to Decide

- **Pick the Case you are most interested in**
 - Don't know? Do some more research
- **Use one of the formulas to create a research question**
- **Come show myself or Mr. Doran when you think you have it!**

Agenda

- Weekend Plans
- Turning in Research Demo
- Research Time
- Working Thesis



Step 2: Working Thesis

- *How did Texas v. Johnson impact the role of the Constitution in dealing with state/local law?*
 - How do we answer this in a thesis statement?
 - **What**....is the court case & time period (year)?
 - **How**....did this ruling have the greatest long-term impact?
 - **So what**....are the specific examples?
- *The Supreme Court ruling in the 1989 case of Texas v. Johnson had the greatest impact on protection of Civil Liberties in the United States, as it ensured Freedom of Speech and Freedom to Assemble rights in the 1st Amendment of the Constitution.*

Step 2: Working Thesis

- The Supreme Court ruling in the 1989 case of *Texas v. Johnson*, had the greatest impact on protection of Civil Liberties in the United States, as it ensured Freedom of Speech and Freedom to Assemble rights in the 1st Amendment of the Constitution.

OR

- By ensuring Freedom of Speech and Freedom to Assemble provisions of the 1st Amendment of the Constitution, the 1989 Supreme Court ruling in *Texas v. Johnson* guaranteed protection of Civil Liberties and had the most lasting impact for American citizens.

Working Thesis Statement Formula

- The Supreme Court ruling in _____ had the greatest impact on _____, as it ensured/denied/progressed _____ and _____
- Example: **The Supreme Court ruling in the 1989 case of Texas v. Johnson had the greatest impact on protection of Civil Liberties in the United States, as it ensured Freedom of Speech and Freedom to Assemble rights in the 1st Amendment of the *Constitution*.**

Working Thesis Statement

- With a partner, review their research
- Discuss whether they answered their initial research question
- What did they find the most information about?
- What do you think your partner should try to argue for?