

## The Most Fun Research Project Ever: The Economic Cost of War

What has been the economic cost of waging war for the United States in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries? How has it changed over time? Your paper must include research and analysis of three of the wars below for AP students and two for Honors. In your analysis include the political and social implications of the war both prior to its beginning and upon its conclusion. What sectors of society benefited from the war economically? What sectors suffered economically (social programs, education, etc.)?

Your analysis and comparison must be from any of the wars listed below; however the wars you chose must have occurred at least 20 years apart.

World War I  
World War II  
The Korean War  
The Vietnam War  
The Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm)  
The War in Afghanistan  
The War in Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom)

### Requirements:

#### *AP Students*

- I. Research Paper
  - a. At least 6 – 9 written pages in length
    - i. Title Page (not part of 6 – 9) including
      1. name
      2. class
      3. date
      4. wars researched
      5. title of research paper
    - ii. Font: Times or Times New Roman
    - iii. Size: 12 point
    - iv. Double Spaced
    - v. Include charts & graphs
      1. to illustrate your analysis
      2. these do not count toward the page total
      3. these may be placed within the body or as an appendix
  - b. Eight sources minimum
    - i. At least 4 Primary source documents
    - ii. No more than 1/4 of your sources may come from the Internet
    - iii. A complete works cited page in MLA format must be attached
    - iv. *The American Pageant* may be used, but it does not count as a source, though must appear if used in the works cited
    - v. Encyclopedias may be consulted, but not counted as a source

2. PowerPoint Presentation
  - a. 5 minutes in length
  - b. Must include charts, graphs showing analysis of the wars and time period selected
  - c. May be the same included in the research paper

*Honors Students*

Research Paper

1. At least 4 – 6 written pages in length
  - a. Title Page (not part of 4 – 6) including
    - i. Name
    - ii. Class
    - iii. Date
    - iv. wars researched
    - v. title of research paper
    - vi. Font: Times or Times New Roman
    - vii. Size: 12 point
    - viii. Double Spaced
2. Four sources minimum
  - i. At least 2 Primary source documents
  - ii. No more than 1/4 of your sources may come from the Internet
  - iii. A complete works cited page in MLA format must be attached
  - iv. *The American Pageant* may be used, but it does not count as a source, though must appear if used in the works cited
  - v. Encyclopedias may be consulted, but not counted as a source

*Due Dates:*

Wars Chosen & Thesis	Friday, 09/23
Annotated Bibliography of Preliminary Sources (minimum of 1/2 of sources) Must include brief summary of information for each	Friday, 10/07
Outline	Friday, 10/21
Final Paper & PPT Presentation	Monday, 11/07