Research Paper Topics

1. Beliefs and lifestyle of Puritans
2. Abraham Lincoln’s assassination – the plot and those involved
3. Abraham Lincoln’s presidency – his platforms and his causes
4. W. E. B. DuBois
5. Ernest Hemingway – literary contributions
6. F. Scott Fitzgerald – literary contributions
7. F. Scott Fitzgerald – personal life reflected in his work
8. James Meredith – his contributions to civil rights and integration of Ole Miss
9. Salem Witch Trials – mass hysteria and the famous trials
10. Malcolm X – his causes and his motto
11. NASA – 1st moon walk
12. FDA Drug legalization – process to legalize and some drugs being considered
13. Normandy
14. Compare and contrast public and private education
15. Cuban Missile Crisis
16. Alaskan Pipe Line
17. Euthanasia
18. Pearl Harbor – its effect on the US entering the war
19. Ben Franklin as a/an author, inventor, politician
20. Reconstruction – rebuilding the South after the Civil War
21. Joseph Pulitzer and Yellow Journalism
22. Jane Addams and Hull House – social work of the 19th century
23. The Great Depression
24. Martin Luther King Jr.—contributions to literature and his causes
25. Booker T. Washington
26. Helen Keller as a world figure
27. John Grisham – literary contributions
28. Maya Angelou – literary contributions
29. Toni Morrison – literary contributions
30. World War I – major battles
31. World War I – treaties
32. World War II – instigation of the war
33. Korean War
34. Vietnam War (conflict)
35. Clara Barton – founder of the Red Cross
36. Ellis Island – immigration port of the US
37. Desert Storm
38. Woodstock and American culture
39. Brown vs. Topeka, KS Board of Education – American school systems
40. Plessy vs. Ferguson – separate but equal (Jim Crow Laws)
41. Baseball and its impact on American life
42. JFK’s founding of the Peace Corps
43. Roe vs. Wade
44. Watergate – the break in
45. Watergate – the tapes
46. Salvation Army
47. Founding of Israel
48. Women’s right to vote
49. Gun laws and the NRA
50. Prohibition and the rise of organized crime
51. Challenger Tragedy and its effect on the Space Program
52. Beginning of the Space Age
53. War of 1812
54. Social mobility in America – survey and compare 1900, 1930, and 1970
55. Lost colony of Roanoke
56. Indentured servants in colonial America
57. Early days of the railroad industry in America
58. Carpetbaggers
59. Origin and significance of the US Bill of Rights
60. Opposition to the Declaration of Independence
61. Literacy in colonial America – What factors were influential in raising this rate?
62. What really happened at Wounded Knee?
63. The origins of women’s suffrage movement in the US
64. “The American Dream” and the 19th century immigrant to the US – characterize the dream and the typical immigrant
65. How folk ballads reflected the American frontier – were they accurate representations?
66. Buffalo Bill as a frontier hero?
67. Historians look at Julius and Ethel Rosenberg – were they guilty?
68. Feminist movement during the 1920’s
69. Cultural impact of the Industrial Revolution in America – how did it influence arts, education, and entertainment?
70. Influence of the Quakers
71. Role of women in colonial society
72. Influence of John Dewey on contemporary American education
73. Advantages to year-round schools
74. Traditions in American life – discuss customs and life-styles that are uniquely American
75. Cultural diversity in the US
76. Origin of Mardi Gras in New Orleans
77. Drug use among professional athletes
78. Traditional South – myths and realities
79. How pyramids were built
80. Notre Dame (Paris, France)
81. Palace of Versailles (Versailles, France)
82. The Dome of the Rock (Jerusalem, Israel)
84. Eiffel Tower (Paris, France)
85. Great Wall of China
86. Women in aviation
87. Capital punishment throughout the ages
88. Elvis Presley – effect on American music
89. Black listing in the motion picture industry during the McCarthy era
90. Walt Disney
91. Mother Theresa
92. Slavery from 1800-1840
93. Henry Ford and the assembly line
94. Susan B. Anthony and Suffrage
95. Nathan Bedford Forest
96. Jefferson Davis
97. California Gold Rush
98. Panama Canal
99. Yellow Fever
100. Treaty of Versailles
101. John Smith and Jamestown
102. Washington Irving
103. Dropping the atomic bomb in 1945
104. Roaring 20’s
105. Alaskan Gold Rush
106. Lindbergh’s solo transatlantic flight
107. Amelia Earhart
108. Geronimo
109. Battle of New Orleans
110. Battle of Midway
111. Battle of Iwo Jima
112. John Brown’s Raid
113. Birth of Rock ‘N’ Roll
114. Settlement of the West
115. Social Promotion
116. School Uniforms
117. Block Scheduling
118. Why the Homestead Act of 1862 was a failure
119. What were the causes of the war with Mexico? Indicate the central cause. Could this war have been prevented?
120. Compare Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies
121. The successes and failures of the pony express
122. Tenets of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s “New Deal”
123. Compare and contrast Korean and Vietnam wars
124. Christmas bombings of Hanoi
125. Macarthur’s return to the Philippines
126. Macarthur’s firing during Korea
127. 1920’s Red Scare (A. Mitchell Palmer)
128. Sinking of the Indianapolis (worst naval disaster in history)
129. Tet Offensive (Vietnam)
130. Battle of Jutland (WWI)
131. Waterloo
132. Bloody Anzio (WWII)
133. Shooting at Kent State
134. March on Washington
135. Equal Rights Amendment
136. Betty Friedman
137. Sack of Washington
138. Great Society
139. Literature, art, and music of the New Deal
140. American Imperialism
141. Effect of Roosevelt’s Big Stick Diplomacy
142. Black Sox Scandal
144. Nativists
145. Missionary Diplomacy
146. Dollar Diplomacy
147. Spoils System
148. Battle of Hastings
149. Transcontinental Railroad
150. Compare and contrast US and Japan economies
151. Election 2000
152. Cloning
153. Small Pox
154. Iraq and its purpose
155. Nano-technology
156. Violence in the media
157. Bias in the media
158. Media persuasion
159. Concentration camps
160. Holocaust victims
161. Electoral college
162. Shirley Temple and her childhood
163. Lady Diana and her causes
164. Laura Bush and other first ladies – platforms and causes
165. Women in government
166. Andrew Jackson
167. Chappaquiddick—Ted Kennedy and his mistress
168. Presidential assassinations
169. Iran Contra Hearings
170. Jesse Jackson and his political involvement (platforms and causes)
171. Condoleezza Rice -- political involvement (platforms and causes)
172. Colin Powell – political involvement (platforms and causes)
173. Golden Gate Bridge
174. Statue of Liberty
175. Alamo
176. Anti-missile defense system –STAR WARS
177. Sinking of The Titanic