

US History Research Paper Formatting

Formatting Guide: Kate L. Turabian's *Manual for Writers* ([Turabian Quick Guide](#))

Basic Formatting

Length: 8-10 double spaced pages

Margins: 1 inch margins all around

Font: Times New Roman 12

Title Page:

- Paper title = one-third from top of page, centered
- Your name = one-third from bottom of page
- US History = line below your name
- Date = line below US History

Page Numbers:

On each page after the title page place your last name and the page number in the upper right corner.

Footnotes:

- Any words, ideas or information that are not your own or common knowledge **MUST** be cited
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 - John Lewis Gaddis, *Strategies of Containment* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2005), 39.
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Bibliography:

- Your bibliography should include all sources used
- Your bibliography should be at the end of your paper, on a separate page, with a centered title
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- Each entry should be flush left, with subsequent lines indented