

This paper has been typed to show you the only acceptable format for the 2010 3rd quarter Freshman U.S. & World Studies Follow Directions Opinion Paper. As you can see this is typed on 8 1/2" X 11" white paper in size 12 **Times New Roman** font. There are 1" margins on the sides and tops and it is double-spaced. In the header, flush right, is typed the student's name and no other information. You must indent the first line of each paragraph by pressing the tab key once or by formatting the page to indent the first line of each paragraph one half inch. You are NOT to add an extra line of space between paragraphs. If you use two sheets of paper they must be stapled together in the upper left corner. When you submit your paper to Mr. Dempster it should look just like this paper does or it will not be accepted for any credit at all.

The Follow Directions Opinion Paper will show your ability to read & listen to directions as well as follow them. The paper must include mostly opinions about a specific topic based on facts you read. The topic for this project must be related to immigration to the United States between 1815 and 1919. You must find **ONLY ONE** non-fiction book with information about your topic. You are limited to **ONE** written source and it must be a non-fiction book. Your book must be approved by bringing it to class for Mr. Dempster to see on **Wednesday, January 27, 2010. You must then bring that book with you to class every day until you have completed the assignment.** Approval counts for 10 points.

Topics relating to immigration between 1815 and 1919 can include your own ancestors & where they came from and why (an interview with a family member and/or family documents will be allowed as sources in addition to the approved book); a specific country that immigrants left to come to the U.S.; or a specific ethnic background. You must be reading about who came to the U.S. between 1815 and 1919, why they left their countries' & why they came to the U.S.

The paper must be from 23–46 typed lines in length. The lines will be counted and the

grade for the paper will be lowered in relation to the percentage of the paper that is turned in. **No more than 1/3 of your paper may be facts**, including identifying and summarizing the book you had approved. The remainder of the paper must be your opinion. **You are required to include the title and the author of the book in a complete sentence in your opening paragraph.** The title of the book must be italicized. For example, if you were to use the book *1,001 Things Everyone Should Know About American History* by John A. Garraty it would have to be listed just as you see it typed here. If the title and author do not appear on the paper, the paper will be considered plagiarized and will not be accepted for any points. You are required to have a copy of your opinion paper accessible on the school computers here at Genoa High School.

For each paragraph you must include a sentence of facts from your source and you must cite the facts properly, like the sample citation at the end of this sentence (Garraty 939). “Direct quotes must be in quote marks and cited” (Garraty 940). **Any paragraph that includes facts must include a citation indicating where those facts came from otherwise the paper will be considered plagiarized and you will receive a zero.** The rest of each paragraph is to be your opinion about those facts. At least 2/3 of your paper must be your opinion about the facts.

The deadline for submitting the paper is by the end of the school day on **Wednesday, March 10, 2010**. No papers will be accepted for points after this date, but all students must submit a paper or they will receive an incomplete for the quarter until it is completed. Bonus points will be given for properly completed papers submitted early (by March 5).

The paper itself is worth 50 points and may be turned in anytime **after January 27** and up to **Wednesday, March 10** at the end of the school day. If you are not satisfied with the grade you may redo it, correcting the errors marked, and **submit the new paper stapled on top of the old paper** for a higher grade. All late papers will receive a ZERO.