**8th Grade Language Arts/American History Research Paper Topics**

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| **American Civil Rights Issues**The 19th Amendment: Women’s SuffrageThe Indian Citizenship Act of 1924Japanese Internment Camps during WWII1954 – *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott The Greensboro Sit-ins and the non-violent protest  movementThe 23rd Amendment: Voting in the District of ColumbiaThe March on Washington and MLK’s “I have a Dream  Speech”The Civil Rights Act of 1964The 24th Amendment: Abolition of Poll Taxes and the  Voting Rights ActThe Assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 26th Amendment: 18-Year-Old Vote1973 – *Roe v. Wade* and AbortionThe Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 | **Science and Technology** Wright brothers’ first flight and early Aviation The building of the Panama Canal Albert Einstein and the Theory of RelativityThe Ford assembly line and the American automotive  BoomAtomic Theory and Quantum Mechanics*The Jazz Singer* and the Golden Age of HollywoodFr. George Lemaitre and Big Bang TheoryEarly American Radio and *The War of the Worlds*  ScandalThe Manhattan Project and Oak Ridge, TNJonas Salk and the Polio VaccineWatson and Crick and the DNA Double-HelixVenerable Fulton J. Sheen and early American  TelevisionThe Apollo Space ProgramIBM, Apple, and Microsoft in the early computer ageThe development of the Internet |
| **War and Peace**WWI: German U-boats and the Sinking of the *Lusitania*WWI: Woodrow Wilson and America’s entry into the  WarWWI: Effects of the Industrial Revolution on weaponry  and tacticsWWI: American contributions to the Allied CauseWWI: The Treaty of Versailles and War’s effectsWWI: The League of NationsWWII: Pearl Harbor and America’s entry into the warThe Holocaust: Aushwitz Concentration CampThe Holocaust: *Mit brennender Sorge*: Pope Pius XI vs.  the NazisThe Holocaust: Saints Maximilian Kolbe and Teresa  Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)WWII: The Contributions of Women to the war effort WWII: The D-Day invasion of NormandyWWII: The Yalta Conference, the Marshall Plan and the  Berlin AirliftWWII: The Potsdam Conference, President Truman and  the dropping of the Atomic BombThe United NationsThe 38th Parallel and the Armistice of the Korean WarThe Cuban Missile CrisisThe Tet Offensive and Civilian Protest of the Vietnam  WarOperation Desert Storm and the Persian Gulf War | **Culture and Government**The Temperance Movement, Prohibition, and the 18th and  21st AmendmentsThe Rise of Communism and the Russian RevolutionThe Roaring 20’sThe Scopes “Monkey Trial”The Stock Market Crash of 1929, The Dust Bowl, and the  Great DepressionPresident Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New DealCCC, TVA, Social Security and the WPAFascism in Italy and SpainNational Socialism (Nazis) in GermanyMao Zedong and the Communist Revolution in ChinaThe Red Scare and McCarthyismThe Assassination of President John F. KennedyThe Assassination of Robert F. KennedyThe Watergate Scandal and the resignation of President  Richard NixonThe Iran-Contra AffairThe end of the Cold War: Blessed Pope John Paul II,  President Ronald Reagan, Premier Mikhail Gorbachev ,  *Solidarity*, and the fall of the Berlin Wall |