

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts/American History Research Paper Topics

<p><b>American Civil Rights Issues</b></p> <p>The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Women’s Suffrage  The Indian Citizenship Act of 1924  Japanese Internment Camps during WWII  1954 – <i>Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas</i>  Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott  The Greensboro Sit-ins and the non-violent protest movement  The 23<sup>rd</sup> Amendment: Voting in the District of Columbia  The March on Washington and MLK’s “I have a Dream Speech”  The Civil Rights Act of 1964  The 24<sup>th</sup> Amendment: Abolition of Poll Taxes and the Voting Rights Act  The Assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  The 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment: 18-Year-Old Vote  1973 – <i>Roe v. Wade</i> and Abortion  The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990</p>	<p><b>Science and Technology</b></p> <p>Wright brothers’ first flight and early Aviation  The building of the Panama Canal  Albert Einstein and the Theory of Relativity  The Ford assembly line and the American automotive Boom  Atomic Theory and Quantum Mechanics  <i>The Jazz Singer</i> and the Golden Age of Hollywood  Fr. George Lemaitre and Big Bang Theory  Early American Radio and <i>The War of the Worlds</i> Scandal  The Manhattan Project and Oak Ridge, TN  Jonas Salk and the Polio Vaccine  Watson and Crick and the DNA Double-Helix  Venerable Fulton J. Sheen and early American Television  The Apollo Space Program  IBM, Apple, and Microsoft in the early computer age  The development of the Internet</p>
<p><b>War and Peace</b></p> <p>WWI: German U-boats and the Sinking of the <i>Lusitania</i>  WWI: Woodrow Wilson and America’s entry into the War  WWI: Effects of the Industrial Revolution on weaponry and tactics  WWI: American contributions to the Allied Cause  WWI: The Treaty of Versailles and War’s effects  WWI: The League of Nations  WWII: Pearl Harbor and America’s entry into the war  The Holocaust: Aushwitz Concentration Camp  The Holocaust: <i>Mit brennender Sorge</i>: Pope Pius XI vs. the Nazis  The 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 Normandy  WWII: The Yalta Conference, the Marshall Plan and the Berlin Airlift  WWII: The Potsdam Conference, President Truman and the dropping of the Atomic Bomb  The United Nations  The 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel and the Armistice of the Korean War  The Cuban Missile Crisis  The Tet Offensive and Civilian Protest of the Vietnam War  Operation Desert Storm and the Persian Gulf War</p>	<p><b>Culture and Government</b></p> <p>The Temperance Movement, Prohibition, and the 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Amendments  The Rise of Communism and the Russian Revolution  The Roaring 20’s  The Scopes “Monkey Trial”  The Stock Market Crash of 1929, The Dust Bowl, and the Great Depression  President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal  CCC, TVA, Social Security and the WPA  Fascism in Italy and Spain  National Socialism (Nazis) in Germany  Mao Zedong and the Communist Revolution in China  The Red Scare and McCarthyism  The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy  The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy  The Watergate Scandal and the resignation of President Richard Nixon  The Iran-Contra Affair  The end of the Cold War: Blessed Pope John Paul II, President Ronald Reagan, Premier Mikhail Gorbachev , <i>Solidarity</i>, and the fall of the Berlin Wall</p>