

Night Pre-Reading Research Assignment

Night is an historical as well as an autobiographical novel, and it will help you to learn about the events and people that shaped the Holocaust and World War II before you begin reading. Follow the guidelines below to complete the research assignment.

1. Choose a topic from the list below. You must notify Mrs. Cartright of your chosen topic. Once you make your choice, you will **NOT** be allowed to change your topic.
 - Eugenics
 - Genocide
 - Non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust
 - Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass)
 - The Evian Conference
 - Babı Yar
 - Warsaw Ghetto Uprising
 - Final Solution
 - Anti-Semitism
 2. Create a list of at least five questions that you think should be answered about your topic. While you may answer the common “who, what, where, when, why, how” questions, try to go beyond those basic questions. You must have your research questions approved before moving on.
 3. Research your chosen topic. You must use at least three reliable sources; one of which must be a print source (this means you pulled it off of a shelf and turned pages in it). My suggestion for web sources is to start with GALILEO and/or WebPath Express and go from there. You **may NOT** use information from the following sources:
 - Wikipedia
 - Ask.com
 - About.com
 - Answers.com
- NOTE: You will NOT be given class time to do research!**
4. You must print out and/or photocopy your sources. NO EXCEPTIONS!
 - When printing a source from the computer, DO NOT copy and paste! Print directly from the website; you will need bibliographic information that cutting and pasting will not give you.
 - If you use a book source that cannot be checked-out from the library, ask the librarian to please copy the page(s) you need, along with the front and back of the title page (make sure you have all of the bibliographic information you will need).
 - If you use a book source that can be checked out but are unable to get the page(s) you need copied, bring the book to Mrs. Cartright along with a sheet of paper with your name and page number(s) needed.
 5. Once you have decided on your sources, go to www.easybib.com and complete a Works Cited list. It would be a VERY good idea to go ahead and create an Easybib account since we will be using this website a lot this year. *If you created an Easybib account last year, you may continue to use the account you created last year. You will be given directions for using Easybib.
 6. Print out **TWO** copies of your Works Cited page from Easybib. One copy must remain clean (do not write on it); on the other copy, number your sources in the order in which they appear.
 7. Read through your sources, highlighting the answers to the questions you developed. This is why you must print/photocopy your sources!

8. Use the information you highlighted to write 10-15 note cards. Remember, you should be able to use only your note cards to write your outline and paper, so you may need more than the required number of cards. Directions for writing note cards will be discussed in class. *Your note cards must be approved before moving on.
9. Organize your notes based first on each card's topic, then in a logical order. Use your note cards to create an outline (you may type or handwrite). Directions for writing an outline will be discussed in class. *Your outline must be approved before moving on.
10. Use your note cards and outline to write a rough draft of a 300-400 word research paper which uses **YOUR OWN WORDS**. Your rough draft must include internal citations (giving credit to your sources). *Your rough draft must be approved before moving on.
11. Revise and edit the rough draft of your paper.
12. Type the final draft of your research paper (you must include your internal citations in your final draft). Your paper must be typed using 12-point Times New Roman font **ONLY**; double-space the entire paper. You will be given an example.
 - On the **left**-hand side of the first page, create a heading as follows:

First Name Last Name

Date

Class Period
 - After the heading, place the title of your paper in the **center** (your title is simply your topic)
13. Turn in your paper as follows:
 - Typed research paper (top)
 - Typed Works Cited page (**clean copy** printed from Easybib)
 - Rough draft
 - Outline (bottom)****NOTE: You may be asked to turn in the copies of your sources, so DO NOT throw them away!**

Important Information:

- While each step of this process will be discussed in class, none of the work for your paper will be completed in class.
- We will begin reading the novel and completing assignments related to the novel while you are working on your paper. It is **imperative** that you manage your time wisely and complete the paper in a timely manner.
- This assignment will count as a test grade.