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AP Human Geography Research Project Proposal

Directions: Work through the steps below to organize your thoughts before moving to the formal research proposal. All steps must be completed and your project must be reviewed by ANOTHER teacher before being turned in.

Step One - Brainstorm

Directions: In the space below develop a list of at least 5 topics in AP HuGe in which you are interested (ex: World War II, if you need inspiration see the topic list on Mr. Sosebee's website here - mrsosebeehistory.weebly.com)

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Step Two - Preliminary Research

Directions: In the space below establish 10 basic facts about the ONE of the topics above and list the source of the information. Eventually you will have eight trusted sources.

Topic: _____

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Step Three - Historical Question

Directions: Formulate your historical question below using the basic research you completed on your topic. Remember, historical questions will be **argumentative, consider cause and effects, open-ended, and specific**. Your *entire paper* will be spent answering this question, so make it an interesting question.

REMINDER: If you can answer your question in a simple google search then your question will likely not pass inspection!

Ex: Why is Baseball Popular in the Dominican Republic and many other Caribbean states, but not in Haiti?

Step Four -

Directions: Follow the instructions in this table:

List three reasons this topic will be interesting to research/ present.	List four ways to tell if a source is credible.	Beyond your main research question, list three <i>sub-questions</i>
<p>1) <i>Ex: The Dominican Republic and Haiti share the island of Hispaniola but have developed very differently.</i></p> <p>2)</p> <p>3)</p>	<p>1)</p> <p>2)</p> <p>3)</p> <p>4)</p>	<p>1) <i>Ex: Have there been any Haitian baseball players in the MLB? Are there any organized baseball programs in Haiti?</i></p>

Step Five - Research Proposal

Directions: In the space below, formally write out your research proposal including your driving question, historical context, and any other important information. This should be written as if it was the introduction paragraph to your research paper. *This section must be reviewed and signed off of by ANOTHER teacher.*

Ex: For my final project, I researched why baseball is so popular in the Dominican Republic while it is scarcely played in Haiti. This was interesting to me partly for geographical reasons: Haiti and the Dominican Republic share a small Caribbean island but baseball hasn't diffused beyond the borders of the D.R. in any meaningful way. It is also compelling to me because of the potential for baseball to drive Haiti's economy, which is one of the poorest in the world.

Teacher Approval Signature

I, _____ approve this research topic as comprehensive, appropriate, and relevant. The driving question proposed is broad enough to be researched over the course of two weeks and will result in an appropriate research paper, product, and presentation.

Name:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Possible Products

Now that you have determined your historical question and it has been approved. Please use the space below to brainstorm what type of product would be best and then what materials you may need.

Product:

Types of Materials Needed: