

English/Global 10 Research Project:  
Twentieth Century Conflicts

**Directions:** Using at least three sources, you will write a **2.5-3 page**, MLA style research paper that addresses the task below.

**Task:** Henry Fosdick, a well-known American minister of the early 1900s said, “the tragedy of war is that it uses man’s best to do man’s worst.” With this thought in mind, you must:

- Interpret this quotation
- Determine which twentieth century conflict from the list below best applies to your interpretation.
- Create and defend a claim based on your interpretation of the quotation.
  - A claim is essentially the argument that you intend to prove in your paper.
  - Your claim should clearly state which conflict best proves the quote and provide some insight as to how it does so.

**Topics:** Select the ONE conflict below that best proves your interpretation of Fosdick’s statement. This conflict will be the one that you research for this project.

- World War One (technology involved in weaponry)
- World War Two (nuclear technology)
- Vietnam (communism vs capitalism)
- Israel-Palestine (religion)

**Requirements:**

- Text-You will be required to use researched information to write a research paper in your own original words. Keep in mind that you will need:
  - 2.5- 3 pages of text
  - MLA format
  - Parenthetical Citations
  - Works Cited Page
- Sources-You are required to use at least three sourced; however, you may need more than that.
  - Required Sources
    - 1or more library databases (encyclopedia)
    - 1 or more books
    - 1or more primary source
  - Optional Sources (good places to look when you still need more information but have looked in all of the required sourced)
    - Global history text book
    - Time Vault (see Mrs. Nannen for access information)
    - Additional Library Databases

**Organization:**

You will be given a guided outline to help you organize your research; however, it is often helpful to have a broad overview of what your paper will look like.

- I. Introduction
  - a. Opening statement
  - b. Quote
  - c. Interpretation
  - d. Explanation or Transition
  - e. Claim (Ex. The technology used in World War 2 caused more tragic destruction than seen in any other conflict of the twentieth century.)
  
- II. Man's Best  
This section might contain a description as well as examples of how man's best was utilized throughout the conflict.
  
- III. Man's Worst  
This section might contain a description as well as examples of HOW man's best was used to accomplish terrible deeds.
  
- IV. Effects  
This section should describe any ongoing effects that are felt as a result of what you have already described.
  
- V. Conclusion