Inter War Years Research Paper

***Criteria for Success:***

A successful essay is one that has:

* A meaningful and relevant title
* An introduction that “sets the stage” for the question that includes a clear, strong, specific thesis statement that argues a clear position.
* Well-researched background information to lay the foundation for your analysis. This should include well-balanced and relevant information.
* Evidence and analysis to support your argument. This is **not** a summary.
* One paragraph devoted to the break down and analysis of one primary source and how it relates to your thesis.
* A conclusion that revisits the argument, connects it to the broader historical context, and answers the question, “So what?” You may also answer the questions: Where should researchers look next? What is the next question to answer?
* In each paragraph you should have:
	+ Clear topic sentences introducing the main idea of each body paragraph and its relationship to the overall argument of the essay.
	+ Concrete, specific historical evidence to support the argument.
	+ Strong concluding sentences that tie evidence back to the thesis.

***Requirements:***

* 5-7 pages, typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, stapled, proper heading (name, block, my name, date), no extra spaces between paragraphs, one-inch margins, and numbered pages.
* You must include ***four*** quotations, pulling from at least three unique sources.
* Must include a separate works cited page, alphabetical (see Purdue OWL and Easybib for help).
* Parenthetical citations when appropriate (any time you quote directly, or if you cite a specific fact – not considered common knowledge – or analysis from a document).

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| **Step** | **Description** | **Due Date** |
| Step #1 | Pick Topic | **April 16/17** |
| Step #2 | Preliminary thesis statement; note cards for at least 5 sources, 30 note cards total. | **Friday, May 1** |
| Step # 3 | Outline, finalized thesis, at least 7 sources, 40 notecards total | **Tuesday, May 5** |
| Step #4 | Rough Draft due in class, printed | **Monday, May 11** |
| Step #5 | Final Draft due on Turnitin.com, 10pm | **Monday, May 18** |

***Timeline:***