**Genius Hour 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 and 1 theme in World History in which you are interested in (ex: World War II, Cold War, Renaissance, etc.). If you need inspiration see the topic list on Ms. Osborn’s website here – bit.ly/osborngenius).

**TOPICS**

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**THEME (Circle One)** Social Political Economic

**Step Two – Preliminary Research**Directions: In the space below establish 5 basic facts about the ONE of the topics above.

**Topic:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***Honors students, at this point collect the stimulus packet from the theme above and use that packet to help guide you through the remainder of the research proposal.***

**Step Three – NC Essential Standard**Directions: Based on your preliminary research please pick ONE essential standard from the NC World History Essential Standards that you believe focuses on your topic of choice. Essential Standards can be found at bit.ly/osborngenius.

**Standard (Ex: WH.H.7.2 Analyze the increase in economic and military competition among nations in terms of the influences of nationalism, imperialism, militarism, and industrialization):**

**Step Four – Historical Question**Directions: Formulate your historical question below using the basic research and essential standard you completed on your topic. **Please use ONE of the four world history sentence stems** (to what extent, compare and contrast, explain and analyze, evaluate the lasting impact). Then explain the connection between your historical question and the NC Essential Standard that you chose in step three.

Remember, historical questions will be argumentative, consider cause and effects, open-ended, and specific (Ex: Explain and analyze the impact of dropping the atomic bomb during WWII had on war strategies during the Cold War era.) If you need help see the “Developing Historical Questions” document on Ms. Osborn’s website - bit.ly/osborngenius.

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

**Question:

Connection to NC Essential Standard:**

**Step Five – Contextualization**Directions:In the space below identify the historical context of your topic. (If you need help, look back at the definition for contextualization that we developed together as a class at the beginning of the semester).

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| **What events were happening in the world BEFORE your topic?** |  |
| **What events were happening in the world at the SAME time as your topic?** |  |
| **What events happened immediately AFTER your topic?** |  |

**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. Your proposal does **NOT** need to follow the ACES + C Writing Protocol but should include evidence from your preliminary research and contextualization steps. Be sure to include the desired outcome of your project including your THESIS and your PRODUCT. (See a sample research proposal see the “Example Research Proposal document on Ms. Osborn’s website - bit.ly/osborngenius.)

**Project Proposal:**

**Thesis:**

**Product Idea:**