

# Department of History: Research Project Topic Form

**Deadline for submission: Friday 3 March 2017, 4:00 pm, to the History Department Office**

NAME:

COURSE:

RESEARCH PROJECT TITLE:

NAME(S) OF MEMBER(S) OF STAFF YOU HAVE DISCUSSED THIS TOPIC WITH:

COGENT, INFORMATIVE DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH PROJECT TOPIC:

## How does the Research Project differ from an essay?

The Research Project is of course much longer than an essay, and you work on it for a much longer period. However, more than this, the Research Project is a different kind of work. The Research Project gives you the opportunity to decide for yourself what topic you will examine, and to explore it in much more detail. It also gives you the opportunity to go through the process whereby historians reconstruct the past. As historians, we recognise that history exists only in the present and in our heads; it is **actively constructed** and not simply rediscovered in the records of the past. Historical research involves a process of selection and interpretation, whereby historians examine the records of the past in order to construct an interpretation which they believe to represent the past in a meaningful way. In this process there is an active exchange between theory and evidence, whereby the historian develops theories about the past and tests them using the evidence available.

On the back of this form are some randomly selected titles of research projects submitted by Essex History students in recent years. The History Department keeps a copy of all first-class projects from the past, and you can borrow them from Department Office. You might find it interesting and helpful to read one or two of these projects--maybe even inspiring!

- **Commonwealth and Territories Immigration: A Micro-Historical Study 1948-1971**
- 'Hip Hop culture and its influence in America. 1979-1997'
- **Dresden: Shifts in Historiographical Debate and the Politics of Reconciliation with Coventry**
- The Historical Context of the International Treatment of Nazis, Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden: An American Perspective of the Fair Trial
- **A Sexual Double Standard: The Gendered Consequences of Sexual Scandal at the Court of Elizabeth I**
- The Nazi Occupation of the Channel Islands 1940-1945. The role of resistance through an intense occupation
- **The Pursuit for Liberation: Black Women Beauty Standards in 1970s and 1980s America**
- How Did Hip Hop Music Help Shape the Black Consciousness Amongst Black Male Youths in the United States (1980-1990)?
- **The Impact of the Coming of the Horse on North American Natives: The Great Plains, 1750-1880**
- *'The People Win'* The Role of the Press in Britain's 1945 General Election
- **Pauper Apprenticeship. The Significance of Pauper Apprenticeships in the Economic Developments Made in Britain, During the Industrial Revolution**
- The Lady and the Laity: Lay Witness Testimony in Female Insanity Trials, 1700-1850'
- **A Righteous man among the Wehrmacht? A study of Major Karl Plagge: The German officer who sought to save his Jewish workers, 1941-1944**
- Early modern Quaker women in Essex and their role within marriage
- **Gender and Mental Illness: A Case Study of Essex County Lunatic Asylum**
- John F Kennedy and Vienna. The myth of Vienna: Did JFK under-perform at the Vienna Summit?
- **Hierarchy, Family and Society: Young Men and the Early Quaker Movement**
- Whores and Catamites: A comparative study of male and female prostitutes in London 1860-1900
- **'Foreigners, Football and the Falklands War'**
- **The story of Ricardo Villa and Osvaldo Ardiles: An examination of politics, society and football in Argentina and England, 1976-1986**
- The Changing Use of Hand Gesture in Early Modern England
- **Second World War to Cold War: The Change in British Domestic Attitudes towards the Soviet Union: Based on a Local Study of Stalin Road, Colchester**
- How was the invention of radar celebrated as a technology that won the war?
- **The Image of the Enemy in British Espionage Fiction During the Cold War**
- What was the impact of gender on Margaret Thatcher's first term as Prime Minister from 1979 to 1984?
- **The Image of the Tank in the Great War 1914-1918**
- Representations of the peasant in Russian prose fiction, 1845-1905
- **The Rwandan Genocide and the British Press**
- The Washington Redskins: Bigotry's Last Stand
- **Exploring the agency of African American female domestic workers in the Jim Crow South**
- Social relationships and never married women in the seventeenth century: Evidence from Essex Wills.
- **What responsibility did gentile-Poles have for the destruction of Poland's Jewish population in German occupied Poland during the Second World War?**
- Chivalry and Honour: The Gentry and Gentlemanly conduct in Seventeenth Century England
- **Robert Monro and the Mac-keys: Mercenaries, Foreign Intervention and the 30 Years War**
- Through Hell and High Water? Reassessing the Social Conditions facing Early Modern English Mariners in the Caribbean World 1558-1625
- **We did not call it love – Intimacy and Homosexuality in the trenches of the First World War**
- Queen of Camelot: Could Jackie Kennedy have engaged in the substantive sphere as First Lady of the United States
- **The Help? Uncovering the Social Realities of the African American Domestic Worker**
- Protecting the Peripheries: The Military Defence of the County of Devon, 1585-1603
- **A Comparison of the St Osyth (1582) and Lancashire (1612) Witch-Trials**
- Masculinity and violence: a study of urban and rural England 1600-1750
- **Rape Trials in England 1700-1900: Continuity or Change?**
- How did the Advertising and Use of 'Convenience' Foods perpetuate the Stereotypical Role of the 'Ideal' Housewife in Britain in the 1950s and 1960s
- **'Shifting the balance' An analysis of the principal factors that modernized and transformed Saudi Arabia between 1962 and 1973**
- British Protestant Missionaries and Popular Opinion on China, 1890-1902.
- **How accurately does George Orwell's, Road to Wigan Pier, represent social conditions in the industrial north in the 1930s?**
- 'Remembering the Dead? What do War Memorials in Essex say about the Great War?'
- **Cultural Persistence: Chumash Indians and The Franciscan Missions of Alta California 1769-1834**
- Pamphlets and Propaganda; the reputation of Prince Rupert during the English Civil War
- **The United States and the West: Interests and Involvement in the Iran-Iraq War.**
- The Chequered Roots of Multicultural Britain
- **"All for Healthy Happiness" How and why did Clacton-on-Sea develop as a seaside resort during the interwar years?**
- Anti-Popery and the Popular Print Culture in Early Modern England: 1623 – Micro-History
- **Plebeian Honour Flights in Eighteenth-Century London: A study of masculinity and violence**
- Pugs and Patrons. A History of Bare-Knuckle Prize-Fighting from Broughton to Sayers
- **How did the Mainstream Press of the United States Present 'The Troubles' in Northern Ireland Between 1969 and 1982**
- Masculinity, Violence and Alehouse Culture in Eighteenth Century London
- **The Royal Death: The British Royal Funeral of the Long Eighteenth Century, 1695-1830**
- Pursuing British interests and the Special Relationship: How did Britain see its role in the Cuban Missile Crisis?
- **Pride, Prejudice and Politics: Motoring in England 1896-1914**
- The History of Flooding in Jaywick between 1930 and 1953