

Little Paper #2: Cold War Realities and Fears**Due Monday, Feb 1**

We have been discussing the Cold War period (1945-1960). Now it's your turn to investigate, and to use primary sources to discuss some aspect of this period. **Choose ONE** of the following questions, and answer it using primary source materials from the web resource listed below the question, in a 2-3 page well-organized essay.

1) The Korean Conflict is sometimes called the “forgotten war.” Read and compare two soldiers’ accounts using the Oral History Archives at Rutgers University. Would they agree with this assessment? Why or why not? http://oralhistory.rutgers.edu/Interviews/indexes/conflictindex_korea.html

2) In the 1950s, many middle-class white American families lived in brand-new suburbs like the Levittowns in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. What was life like for these families? In what way were or were not these families living the American dream? <http://tiger.uic.edu/~pbhales/Levittown/>

3) Identify 2-3 key aspects of Cold War containment policy in the declassified NSC-68 document and discuss one in detail, using appropriate quotations from the document itself.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nsc-hst/nsc-68.htm>

<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/nsc-68/nsc68-1.htm>

or page-by-page scan at Truman Library

http://www.trumanlibrary.org/whistlestop/study_collections/korea/large/week2/nsc68_1.htm

Paper Checklist

- ✓ Double-spaced
- ✓ Pages are numbered
- ✓ Name, date, and a title (not “Little Paper #1”)
- ✓ Proofread for spelling, grammar, sentence structure (no run-ons or sentence fragments)
- ✓ All quotations are properly cited using Chicago Style or MLA style
- ✓ All work is original and in your own words. Papers that use text cut&pasted from Wikipedia or from other online or published sources will receive an automatic zero
- ✓ Demonstrates thoughtful independent research using high-quality sources of scholarly value
- ✓ Paper is clearly organized, with a strong introduction, a well-constructed middle, and a conclusion. Does the first paragraph tell the reader what the paper is about, what question it answers, or what main point it will make?

No late work accepted for Little Papers. Must be handed in during class, or (in case you are not in class) emailed by the start of class time.