**Research Paper Assignment**

You are to use the article we have read in class, our notes and any additional research you will conduct on your own, in order to write your research paper on the *cold war.*

Make sure to follow the outline that is on our classroom website on how to write a research paper.

**Essay Topic**  
Once you’ve analyzed your research, decide whether the US or the Soviet Union is to blame or whether both bear equal blame for beginning the Cold War. Write a well-developed essay (using support from your articles and the sources I gave you) in which you answer the question of**:**

**Did the United States make the right decision in dropping the atomic bomb to end the war against Japan?**

**Requirements**

* 3-4 pages, double-spaced, typed, Times New Roman 12pt. font
* Use the sources I provided as well as your own notes.
* Thesis is clearly stated in your introduction
* No grammar or spelling errors
* Your essay has an intro, conclusion, and at least 3 body paragraphs.
* **Do NOT use “I” Statements!**
* Evidence is cited in text.
* Citations included at the end of the paper
* Include rough draft in in your final paper
* **Due: December 23rd – 100 points**

Possible Search Terms to help you start: - Nuclear bomb - Hiroshima - Nagasaki - Japan - World War II – Truman, Cold War, Arms Race, Nuclear Bombs Today, etc.