**Unit 4 Performance Task**

**National Security**

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| **WHST 11-12.1** |
| **Argumentative Research Paper** |

**Task:** Write a formal research paper about a law or policy created by the federal government that was enacted to provide safety to the United States, but limits the freedoms of the citizens

**Examples:**

* USA PATRIOT Act
  + This includes the expansion of power of the NSA
* Donald Trump’s Immigration Ban
* Executive Order 9066 – Japanese Internment
* House of Un-American Activities Committee – Red Scare
* Espionage and Sedition Acts
* Self-generated topic - approved by teacher

**Process:**

1. **Investigate Topics – Due:** **Mon 3/26:** Use WebQuest to investigate the topics provided to begin to decide which topic you will focus on.
2. **Paper Proposal – Due: Mon 4/16**  : ½ page – full page, **typed and double spaced,** explaining what your topic is, why you want to write your paper on it, what you already know about your topic, and what you need to research about your topic.
3. **\*Thesis Statement – Due: Mon 5/14:** A working thesis that will guide your research – **Opportunity 1**
4. **\*Research – Due Tues 5/22:** Research organizer or flash cards – **Opportunity 2**
5. **\*Thesis and introduction – Due Tues 5/29**: Turn in your working thesis and introduction paragraph – **Opportunity 3**
6. **Rough Draft – Due Wed 5/30** : Hand written or typed rough draft
7. **Peer Edit – Due Fri 5/31** : Paper must be edited by at least one other student
8. **Final Draft –** **Due on day of your final**  : Must be turned into turnitin.com

**Paper Breakdown**

**Intro –** Brief intro of your topic (why this law is a significant to the topic of the unit – security vs. freedom) and your argument you are making about the law (thesis)

**Body 1 -** History of the law/policy: what happened to the US to make them create this law and what is the purpose of the law

**Body 2 –** How the law affected the freedom of the US citizens and how it affected the security of the US

**Body 3 –** Your opinion on the law/policy backed up by evidence

**Conclusion –** Wrap up your thoughts on this law/policy and the overall debate over the balance between security and freedom

**Format:**

1 inch margins

Double-spaced (only essay, NOT THE HEADING)

12 point font (including title)

Parenthetical citations throughout

Work cited page in MLA format with at least 5 sources

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