History 12 Term Paper Assignment Name:

The following is list of potential term paper topics. These are guiding questions; however, if you have a particular topic from the era that you would like to investigate, please see Mr. Fitton. For instance, you may be inspired by current events and wish to trace the history behind a modern day conflict, political ideology, or political/social/cultural/military phenomenon present in the world.

1000-1500 words, proper citation, no plagiarism, have a clear thesis.

1. The resurgence of nationalism throughout the 20th century has been one of the basic causes of war. Using a minimum of 5 specific examples with at least one from each time period 1900-1914, 1919-1939, and from 1945 to the present, show how Nationalism has contributed to instability and war.
2. Compare and contrast the causes, events and consequences of the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam.
3. The United Nations has been burdened with serious problems which have reduced its effectiveness in solving international crises. Support or refute this statement in light of the U.N. response to several of these crises.
4. With reference to at least 4 countries in Latin America, discuss how American foreign policy has faced serious challenges since 1945.
5. After WWII, Europe was divided into hostile and irreconcilable camps. Discuss the events which initiated and maintained this division in the post-world war II period.
6. The energy crisis can be directly attributed to the power struggle in the Middle East. Briefly trace the power struggle in the Middle East since the partition of Palestine in 1947 and show 2 examples how this struggle has contributed to the energy crises.
7. Both the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. have been very reluctant to allow political revision within their spheres of influence to go beyond carefully defined limits; yet each of these super powers has not been totally successful. Refer to specific examples which show both success and failure on the part of each super power.
8. “International terrorism has been rampant.”

-U.S. Secretary of state, Alexander Haig

With specific reference, list 4 different examples of terrorism since World War II and briefly discuss the historical significance of each.

1. Nationalism has been a significant factor in Africa and Asia since World War II. With specific reference to one country in Africa OR one country in Asia, discuss the role played by nationalism in the struggle for independence.
2. Briefly trace the expansion of the Cold War from Europe into the third World.