Research Paper or Project- 100 points possible:
Students shall select a topic from the following or may pick a topic of their own with the approval of the instructor.

Papers will have a body of 8-10 pages and are due by the end of the 13th week of class. Select one (1) of the following four research topics or

1. Research and describe the relationship between local and state governments regarding the supervision and funding of public education (K-12) from the Dutch settlement to current times. Consider the modern implications of property tax caps, No Child Left Behind and other current issues on education.
2. Research and describe the role of state government in the development of commerce and economic growth from Dutch colonial times to the present. Consider natural resources, geographic location, government’s support of commerce and industrialization, and loss of manufacturing jobs.
3. Research and describe the impact of immigration on the development of New York State from Dutch colonial times to the present. Consider the impact of various groups on those who were already here, the contributions made by immigrant groups, the impact of immigrants today, and how NYS is meeting those needs.
4. Research and describe the relationship between the governor and the legislature from colonial to current times. What were / are the major points of contention between the two and how have these issues been resolved or why haven’t they been resolved.
5. Select a topic of special interest to you and submit it for prior approval to the instructor. Topics should span colonial to current time. Examples of topics created in the past are: the changing role of women in NY; developing lesson plans for the teaching of NYS history to grade school students, the role sports has played in NYS; how the spoken language has been impacted by various immigrant groups; the influence of hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation on NY’s economy; agriculture its impact and changes- then and now.

Directions: Papers or projects must be 12 pt type (Times Roman preferred), double spaced, usual margins (1-1.25 inches), sources footnoted, and a bibliography. The cover page and bibliography are not part of the “body” of the paper. All work MUST be printed to be accepted.

For the purposes of grading papers or projects letter grades will equate to the following point value: A+ = 100; A = 95; A- = 91; B+ = 89; B = 85; B- = 81; C+ = 79; C = 75; C- = 71; D = 65; F = 64 to as low as 0.