

## Prompt:

The United States has overthrown fourteen countries in its very short history. Analyze and interpret the overthrows of these foreign governments by the United States. What reasons led the United States to overthrow these governments? Describe the tactics used in the different eras and why they were used in the specific period?

## Reading Material:

- *Overthrow: A Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq* by Stephen Kinzer.
- Online Database: Jstor (You will need a library card for access to this database. You can access Jstor through the HCC library website.)

## Minimum Requirements:

Your paper must meet or exceed these minimum requirements.

- Minimum of approximately 1,500 words. (I will be checking.) You will lose ten points for every 100 words below the minimum limit.
- You must use a minimum of three online journal articles from Jstor to supplement your book reading.
- Your work needs to be cited in Chicago format with footnotes. There will be no excuse for not having proper citations. There are plenty of materials on my website and the internet on how to do this. No Citations = No Grade
- Paper must be submitted to Turnitin.com by the time you enter class. No Submission = No Grade
- Paper is due at the beginning of class or it is considered late, NO EXCEPTIONS. This is strictly enforced. You have been warned.
- Using Quotes – You may only use two direct quotes in your paper. You will be deducted 5 points for each quote over two.

## Developing an Outline:

At some point before you begin to write your paper you will need to organize your thoughts and information you have collected. A poorly organized paper, is confusing and will leave the reader wondering what the purpose of the paper is.

### Categorize information

Organize the information you have collected into major themes you wish to discuss. You will need to distinguish between your main arguments, secondary arguments and supporting evidence.

### Example of preliminary paper outline:

Topic: Why did some women in Germany support the Nazi party?

Introduction:

- basic information: what, where, when ( i.e.: To what extent did women support the

Nazi party?)

- importance of the topic: (i.e.: contribution to the rise of Hitler to power?)
- main question to be answered

I. How did the economic situation in Weimar Germany affect women?

- Movement towards economic rationalization
- Inflation
- Unemployment
  - campaign against “double-earner” households
  - cuts to social services and call to women to “take up the slack”

II. How did the Nazi Party address the difficulties faced by women?

- What was the Party program towards women?
  - emphasis on family and motherhood
  - natality policy
- Were there efforts to specifically organize women?
  - housewives' organizations
  - League of German Girls
  - others?...
- Did these organizations respond to the needs of women?
  - Which women were attracted into these groups, and why?

III. Women's support for Party?

- involvement in local organizations?
- results of 1932 and 1933 elections?
- other evidence?

Conclusion: answer to your question

Obviously, as you proceed with your research, you will come up with more questions that you can work into your outline, and some of your original questions might change. You might discover that your original topic was too broad, and that you can write an entire paper just on the housewives' associations, or just on middle-class women. Likewise, the organization of your outline will change as you learn more. You might decide, for instance, to first discuss the 1932 and 1933 election results. What is important in the end is that your main arguments proceed logically, that each section is clearly related to your main question, and that you have provided sufficient convincing supporting evidence for your argument.