

Expectations for Undergraduate Research Paper

Due 11/21/06

The goal of this research paper is to have the student explore an important challenge faced by his or her movement, with an emphasis on using social movement theory to explain the reasons for the particular challenge, how the movement sought to address this challenge, and how the challenge affected the broader functioning of the movement (organizational form, repertoire use, success). The details about the movement, including the challenge it faced, should be drawn primarily from the manuscript chosen for the book review. Students are expected to reference at least five academic sources, including class readings. The research paper should be 6-8 pages in length (double spaced), not counting title page, abstract, and bibliography.

What follows is a general outline of what should be included in the paper:

1. **Title Page and Abstract**-Include the title and author, and brief summary (one paragraph) of your paper. The abstract should give an overview of what you plan to do in your paper.
2. **Introduction**-This should include a brief discussion of a number of important issues, such as the movement analyzed, the particular challenge it faced, and the theories used to analyze the movement. This is essentially a roadmap of what you will be doing in the rest of the paper.
3. **Discussion of the Movement and the Challenge**-Here you will provide a brief historical overview of the movement and the challenge. In addition, you should employ social movement theory to explore why the challenge was particularly relevant for your movement.
4. **Movement Reaction to the Challenge**-In this section you will draw upon social movement theory, especially readings that focus on the dynamics of social movements, to discuss the ways in which the movement sought to overcome the challenge.
5. **Impact of the Challenge**-Here you examine how the particular challenge faced by the movement affected important internal dynamics, such as its organizational form, leadership structure, and recruitment patterns.
6. **Conclusions**-This should provide a brief summary of the movement/challenge dynamics and some possible implications for our broader understanding of movements.
7. **Bibliography** of all of the sources used.