

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP: ANCIENT AND MODERN

PAPER TOPICS

Students may select one of the following topics for discussion. This research paper should be about 12 pages in length and should include a full bibliography of works cited as well as supporting notes and references (due March 22: a letter off per day for late papers). Other topics will be considered, but these should be approved by the instructors prior to submission.

Alcibiades and the Athenian Decision to invade Sicily
Solon and the Establishment of Democracy in Athens
Pericles and the War against Sparta, 432/1 BC
The Spartan Decision to spare Athens, 404 BC
The Gracchi's fight with the Roman Senate
The Conspiracy against Caesar
Antony: Plutarch's Example of a "Negative" Leader
Nicias and the Cautious Leader

Nixon and the bombing of Cambodia
Reagan and the Iran-Contra Scandal
George H. W. Bush and the Pardon of Casper Weinberger
William Clinton and Monicagate
George W. Bush and Preemptive Strikes
James Polk and the Mexican War
Abraham Lincoln and the Constitution during the Civil War
Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Jews During World War II
Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Internment of Japanese-Americans in WW II
The Japanese Decision to attack Pearl Harbor
George W. Bush and the War in Iraq
Andrew Jackson and the Native Americans
Woodrow Wilson and Race
Teddy Roosevelt and the Panama Canal
Harry Truman and the Dropping of the Bomb
Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam