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AWESOME TITLE

**Intro:** Establish **context** in a few sentences – explain the circumstances surrounding your topic

Thesis: This is where you summarize your topic and main points in 1-2 sentences. Remember it answers the research question.

**Paragraph 1**: Major theme/idea (background information)

2-3 Main points that support this major theme/idea

2-3 examples or quotes that support each point[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Paragraph 2**: Major theme/idea

2-3 Main points that support this major theme/idea

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**Paragraph 3**: Major theme/idea

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**Paragraph ##** - this is not a 5 paragraph essay so you might easily have more than three body paragraphs

**Conclusion:** Restate thesis, but word it differently.

Your conclusion should be answering the question “so what?” and can included

About your writing:

* Make sure to order your body paragraphs logically connect AND include transitional language between paragraphs.
* Revisit your thesis statement frequently as you craft and then write your paper.
* Follow the information you find in your research; don’t try to fit the facts to your preconceived ideas.
* Your conclusion should be able to answer the question “**so what**” – why does this topic matter? Why does this matter? How does this topic impact our lives today? How did it impact lives back then? Did it bring on any changes? If it didn’t, why might that be?

Regarding format:

* Times New Roman 12pt font
* Double space
* Work Cited on separate page in MLA format
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NASA and the Cold War – Sample Outline

Introduction

* America was highly prosperous in the years following WWII
* Cold War – tensions between The Soviet Union and The United States
  + Proxy wars (Korean War, Vietnam Conflict, Afghanistan)
  + Arms race (Bay of Pigs, Cuban Missile Crisis), space race
  + Communism vs. Capitalism. Include Stalin quote
* Thesis: NASA’s genesis was a direct result of the Cold War and quickly became a major factor in the United States’ position as a world leader, the changing nature of the Cold War, and the development of technology.

Body 1: NASA was born

Paragraph 1: Governmental involvement/funding/ give data re increase in budget

Paragraph 2: Motivated by the space race

USSR’s competing endeavors – first spacecraft to land on the moon

Paragraph 3: Propaganda, rhetoric, shifting or reinforcing of values and beliefs

Nazi scientists – Von Braun

Emphasis on math and science in education – Sputnik

Body 2: The moon landing

Paragraph 4: Apollo 11 and crew

Paragraph 5: What was the impact of the moon landing?

Impact in the United States, the Soviet Union

Did it impact anyone else?

Paragraph 6: Impact on technology

New technological developments – arms race, space race

Changing attitude toward technology

Commercial technology

Conclusion: So what?

What events did this set into motion?

Why is NASA important today? (Technology, progress, status as world power)

How has our relationship been with Russia since the moon landing?

How do those contemporary values and beliefs influence us today?

1. Crt + Alt + F for footnote OR use in-text citation [↑](#footnote-ref-1)