

Populism

Populism is a political perspective that claims to advocate for the common man. Populism first began in the mid-nineteenth century and can still be seen in the U.S. today.

Conduct some brief research on the history of populism. There have been at least twelve distinct populist movements in the U.S. history. What are they? Read just enough about each of these movements to understand when they took place and what they were about.

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Choose one of the populist movements that interests you the most. What is it?

Conduct deeper research on this topic. Ultimately, you will write a short research paper that take one of the following positions on the movement:

- This particular populist movement was ultimately beneficial for the U.S. as a whole; or
- This particular populist movement was ultimately harmful for the U.S as a whole

As you conduct your research, find out:

- What was this movement about?
- When did it take place?
- Who did it claim to benefit the most and how?
- Who were its key figures?
- What was its platform(s)?
- How successful was it?
- When did it end? Why?
- What do you think was the strongest thing about this party?
- What do you think was the weakest thing about this party?

What source(s) did you use to conduct this research? Be sure to include all of your sources in your Bibliography.

