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Dear students,

I have updated the assignment section on Moodle with some clarifications regarding the final paper:

### Final Paper Guidelines

The final paper should be approximately 10 pages in length (12-point font, double-spaced). Ideally, the paper builds on the topic of the student's oral presentation. However, students may also choose a different topic, provided it is clearly related to *German Social History of the 20th Century*.

The paper must adhere to academic standards. It should include:

- A **title page** (including student's name, ID number, paper title, course name and number)
- A **table of contents**
- A **bibliography** with at least **10 academic references** (books, scholarly articles, and/or reputable online resources)
- A **consistent citation style**, following a recognized academic referencing system (e.g., Chicago, APA, MLA)

In terms of structure, the paper must contain:

1. **Introduction:** Presentation of the topic, explanation of its historical relevance, and a clearly formulated research question.
2. **Main Body:** Historical contextualization of the topic, analysis of relevant primary and/or secondary sources, and a structured discussion of the central phenomenon under investigation.
3. **Conclusion:** Summary of the main findings, reflection on the limitations of the study, and an outlook on possible directions for future research.

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The paper should demonstrate critical engagement with the sources, coherent argumentation, and clear academic writing throughout.

Please do not hesitate contacting me with any further questions.

Best wishes,

Tobias

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