

Potential Topics for Research Papers

The Tiananmen Square massacre in China, 1989

The fall of Slobodan Milosevic in Yugoslavia, October 2000

A comparison of the failure of the Kornilov coup in Russia (1917) to the success of the de la Huerta coup in Mexico (1911)

The consolidation of imperial rule in the Eastern Roman Empire, beginning with Constantine

The English Civil War of 1642 (Charles I vs. Parliament)

The Glorious Revolution in England, 1688-89 (deposition of James II and installment of William III and Mary II)

The failure of the Newburgh conspiracy in the United States in 1783

The consolidation of democracy in the United States (cross-state comparison)

The overthrow of the True Whig Party in Liberia (by Master Sergeant Samuel K. Doe), 1980

Failed democratic revolution in Germany in 1848

The failure of the reformist Salvadoran military junta in 1979

The fall of the Shah of Iran in 1979

The consolidation of revolutionary theocratic rule in Iran, 1979-81

Democratic consolidation in Mongolia (or the failure thereof), 1990-2001

A comparison of the Tiananmen Square massacre (1989), the Kwangju Massacre (1980), the Tlatelolco Massacre (1968), the Boston Massacre (1770), etc.

The 1974 fall of Haile Selassie (King of Kings, Elect of God, Lion of Judah, His Most Puissant Majesty and Distinguished Highness the Emperor of Ethiopia)

The revolution in Thailand, 1932

The fall of Habib Bourguiba in Tunisia, 1987

The Dominican revolution, 1965

The repudiation of partial parliamentary rule and consolidation of monarchical absolutism in Morocco, 1963-1965

The Libyan "revolution" (read: coup), September 1969

The Libyan cultural revolution and the establishment of the Jamahiriya under Muammar al Qadhafi, 1973-79

Nasser's coup in Egypt, 1952

Democratic breakdown in Brazil, 1964

Democratic breakdown in Uruguay, 1973

Democratic breakdown in Argentina (1930, 1955, 1966, 1976-77, etc.)

Argentina's democratic transition, December 1981 to October 1982

Military coups in Turkey (1960, 1971, 1980)

The collapse of the democracy in Greece (1965, 1967)

The collapse of the colonels' regime in Greece, 1974

Democratic transition in South Africa, 1990

Democratic consolidation in South Africa, 1991-2000

The "Velvet Revolution" in Czechoslovakia, 1989

The overthrow of Nicolae Ceausescu in Romania, 1989

The "People Power Revolution" in the Philippines, 1986

Failed coup attempts against Corazón Aquino in Philippines, 1980's and 1990s

The uprising/coup against President Estrada in the Philippines, 2000-1

Peruvian military coup, August 1975

The Bolivian military coup of July 1980

The declaration of martial law in Poland, 1980

Ethnic conflict and democratic breakdown in Fiji, 2000

Ethnic polarization and the breakdown of democracy in Sri Lanka

The breakdown of democracy and the eruption of civil war in Lebanon, 1975

The Nigerian military coups (1966, 1975, etc.)

The declaration of emergency rule in India, 1975, and subsequent re-democratization

The Indonesian coup, 1965

The consolidation of personalistic dictatorship under Syngman Rhee in South Korea, 1948-60

The failure of democratic consolidation in South Korea, 1961

The consolidation of personalistic authoritarian rule under the Yushin Constitution in South Korea, 1972

The Chun Doo-Hwan coup and subsequent consolidation of power in South Korea in 1979

The collapse of the Fourth Republic and the establishment of the Fifth Republic in France, 1958

The eruption of Algeria's (current) civil war

The uprising/coup against Ecuadorian president Jamil Mahuad, January 21, 2000

The "Glorious May Revolution" in Ecuador, May 28, 1944

The formation of the PNR in Mexico, 1928-29

Any palace coup in any sub-Saharan African country