History 8: Town Hall Meeting: Note Cards

Why Do I Have to Do Note Cards?
Every high school history student is expected to take research notes in note card format, either on index cards or electronically. This makes for easy arranging of topics as you organize your ideas; it also makes it easy to take notes as you research. We are going to start practicing that skill so it feels familiar when you get to ACI.

Will You Grade My Note Cards?
There will be one (announced) research note card check during the research process for our Town Hall Meeting and then all note cards will be graded at the end of the project. Grading criteria include the number of note cards and the completeness of each individual card.

How Will I Create My Cards?
We are going to do electronic note cards using NoodleTools. The great thing about this is that it is impossible to lose your note cards (whew!). You can also access them from any computer and you can type your notes, which is often speedier than handwriting them. NoodleTools also helps you link each note card to a source in your bibliography, keeping everything organized for your project.

What Do I Put On My Cards?
Below is an empty NoodleTools note card that I have annotated. *It is very important that you put only ONE piece of information on each note card.* If you have questions, just ask!

![NoodleTools Note Card](image)

The “Source” field contains a drop-down menu of all sources on your bibliography.
How Do I Organize My Cards?
As you do your research, one requirement is that you TAG all of your note cards with one or more tags. The first time you use a tag, you will need to type it into the “Tags” field on the card. After that, it will appear in the drop-down “My Tags” menu; you can add tags to a note card by selecting that card and choosing the correct tags from that menu. You MUST use standard tags; the tags you should use are:
● Resume
● Cover letter
● Town Hall Problem 1
● Town Hall Problem 2
● Town Hall Problem 3
● Town Hall Problem 4
● Town Hall Problem 5
● Town Hall Problem 6

I’m Still A Little Confused. Can You Show Me a Sample?
Of course! Here’s a fake note card, but with everything in the right spots:

![Fake Note Card Image]

Good luck! Remember to ask for help—teachers and librarians can both help you out with how to use NoodleTools, where to put stuff on your note cards, etc.