Topic for Final Paper

**Topic.** How important was fear of the state for the maintenance of Soviet Power? In other words, what was the balance between terror and the consent of the population?

You should consider not simply different time periods (1930s vs. 1970s, for example), but also different reasons that people may have consented to Soviet power: security when it came to basic living standards, belief in the ultimate goal of communist society, inclusion in the power system of the party, etc.

**Final Version.** Your essay should be 10-12 pages long (typed, double-spaced, 12 pt. font.) It is due at the beginning of class on Friday, December 9, 2005. You should email it to me *before* class that day.