

Assignment Description: For this assignment, you need to choose a topic that we addressed in this course or one that is closely related to this course. You need to formulate an argument (a thesis) for this paper, which means that you need to bring in YOUR OWN INTERPRETATION of a specific subject/topic. Once you create a thesis, you will also need to use evidence to support your claims. Your evidence should be examples of historical information from your textbook and/or lectures. You do NOT need to do outside reading for this paper, but you can if you want to.

Finally, you need to use ONE primary source (your textbook is a secondary source) when writing this paper. Primary sources are documents or artifacts created in the past. Your World History textbook has primary sources or you can find them online. Some great websites that have primary sources are "Modern History Sourcebook" (for world history) and "Eurodocs" (for primarily European history). You can also do a google search of a specific topic to obtain primary sources. Finally, feel free to consult me about obtaining primary sources – I have many at my disposal.

Some Ideas for Paper Topics:

Women's role in Islam.

The role of religion in state-building in the Muslim, Asian, or Western empires.

The Chinese Silk Road.

Child labor and labor laws in the Industrial Revolution.

The Atlantic slave trade – why was Africa targeted?

The career and life of Mahatma Gandhi.