

Term Essay

For this assignment you will write a 5 – 6 page research essay on one of the topics listed below. Your essay will be double spaced, in Times New Roman font (or something close to it), be no bigger or smaller than size 12, follow MLA format but have a cover page, and have in text citations (referenced in parentheses/brackets) that are also listed at the end of the essay (on a separate page) in a works cited. Your cover page and works cited DO NOT COUNT towards the 5 – 6 page limit. This essay will be marked out of 50, graded using the following marking scheme, and assess your knowledge and understanding, communication, and application skills. Please make sure you reference the marking scheme as it is a checklist for you to ensure that you are doing all that expected.

Due to the popularity of things such as ChatGPT, you must have a roadmap thesis for this essay (in your introductory paragraph) and parenthetical references throughout the essay itself. Competent essays that do not have this will be assumed to have been written using ChatGPT and the writer will be given a mark of zero and an opportunity to write a totally different essay on a completely different topic (one not listed below...aka: something much more difficult than the first). Also you will need to include an edited rough copy with your good copy. This edited rough draft must show evidence of marking by both yourself and somebody else.

On the course website there are several essay writing aids that I strongly recommend you use, not to mention a couple of essays that you can follow for structure. These were written by students in my 10 Academic Canadian history class and will familiarize you with how to write a road map thesis, how to structure your essay, and how essay body paragraphs are to be written.

Topics

1) Explain why religion was so important in:

- a) Ancient Egypt
- b) Ancient Greece
- c) Ancient Rome (Before and after Emperor Constantine)
- d) Western Europe before the Renaissance

4 people may write to this topic, one per example.

2) Describe the military technology and tactical developments that allowed:

- a) The Ancient Egyptians to dominate
- b) The Ancient Greeks (and by extension Macedonians) to dominate
- c) The Romans to dominate
- d) The Muslim world to dominate
- e) The Europeans (before the Renaissance) to dominate

5 people may write to this topic, one per area.

- 3) Choose 3 laws from Hammurabi's Code and explain how they evolved as the ancient world changed.

2 people may write to this topic.

- 4) The following is a comparative essay topic and, as such, will be between 6 – 10 pages as there are two body paragraphs for each thesis point.

Some people say that all religions are basically the same. In the case of monotheistic religions of the ancient world is this true? Compare Christianity to Islam OR Islam to Judaism.

In the case of polytheistic religions of the ancient world is this true? Compare Mesopotamia to ancient Egypt OR Greece to Rome (Pre Emperor Constantine).

3 people may write to this topic.

- 5) Examine the role of slavery in the ancient world, focusing on Africa, Asia, The Middle East, or Ancient Greece and Rome. This is not a topic about the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade. In your essay, discuss how people became slaves and if it was possible to be freed? If so, how was that accomplished? Also, discuss the role slavery had in your chosen civilization's economic and cultural development.

3 people may write to this topic.

- 6) Discuss 3 factors that allowed Western Europe to triumph in the Middle Ages.

1 person may write to this topic.

- 7) Explain 3 factors that led to the growth and expansion of the Mongol Empire.

1 person may write to this topic.

- 8) Discuss the impact on politics, law, and society that the ancient philosophers of Greece, Rome, and Asia had on the ancient world.

2 people may write to this topic.

- 9) By examining the religious, economic, and political contributions discuss how important the Christian Popes were to Western Europe in the ancient world.

1 person may write to this topic.

REWRITE POLICY

If you meet the essay deadline (no excuses given for missing it) you may rewrite the same essay as many times as you like **BEFORE Jan. 11**. In this event, you **MUST**

submit, with your rewrite, ***the original marking scheme AND the essay that has my marking on it.*** Not submitting either of these will result in your rewrite **NOT** being marked. I have to know where you lost marks and what feedback I gave you that was changed to assess a rewrite accurately.