Order Description: Topic: American Civilization II

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A sampling would be: Woman Suffrage Reconstruction: A Success or Not?

Imperialism: Moral?

Should the US Enter WWI? Prohibition Was the New Deal Effective?

Hiroshima Limiting Immigration (before 2000) McCarthyism JFK: Great or Not? Vietnam Nixon Good and Bad Ronald Reagan’s Neoconservatism Remember, this is just a sample of the possible topics.

I can suggest one which will interest you. After you have chosen the topic, research the arguments and positions on both sides of the controversy. For example, why did some people want imperialism in 1898? What were their arguments? Why did others denounce imperialism as immoral? What were their arguments? There may be political issues, economic issues, and social arguments in any of these controversies. The key thing is to fully grasp both sides of the question, and to approach both sides of the question, putting yourself into the minds of each side, even if you disagree with the arguments put forward. In your concluding paragraphs, you will have time to state your own views and the reasons you feel as you do.

After researc​‌‍‍‍‌‍‍‍‌‍‍‍‌‍‍‍‍‍‌‍​hing the two sides of the controversy, write a summary of the opposing arguments. Do each side of the question separately (the order does not matter).

WHY did each side argue as they did? How did they justify their arguments? What were their motivations? Self interest?

Be sure to document your sources carefully so that the reader may check them. Include a bibliography of sources.

In your conclusion, you may reflect upon the opposing sides and state your own opinions. Be sure, however, to justify why you think as you do.

The suggested length of this assignment is roughly six pages, [1.5](https://1.0.0.5/) spacing, though the length may vary depending upon your topic. I will assist you in this and every phase of the assignment. We have a good deal of time to work on this assignment. This is deliberate, since it will allow me to meet with you as work. Please do not hesitate to ask for help with the research, writing and revisions. Spelling and grammar count. Each paper should have an introduction of at least one paragraph describing the background of the controversy, and a second paragraph describing the controversy itself. In a democracy, we always hear that there are two sides of every question. This assignment is the perfect opportunity to study a question in dep​‌‍‍‍‌‍‍‍‌‍‍‍‌‍‍‍‍‍‌‍​th.