

Book Review Assignment

Fall 2019

His 102

Objective: TSW read a college level academic history book.

TSW summarize briefly the thesis and main arguments of the book.

TSW analyze different aspects of the book

Assignment goal: The student will read an academic, college level history book that they might not otherwise read.

Pts: 100 pts

Book:

1. Must be at least 100 pages NOT including table of contents, introduction, preface, index, bibliography, picture pages.
2. Cannot be magazine format, comics, graphic novels, have tons of pictures in place of text, textbooks, class readers, compilations of documents, compilation of essays.
3. The focus must be on the history of the topic. Must be history focused.
4. Approval from instructor is required.
5. If you change your book the instructor must approve changed book.

Format:

1. Cover Page (name, date, semester, class, bibliographic citation of book)
2. Body of assignment
 - a. 12 pt. Times New Roman Font
 - b. 1 inch margins
 - c. Double spaced
 - d. MINIMUM of 2.5 pages

Organization:

1. Information about the author
2. Brief summary of thesis and main arguments of the book
3. Address the following questions:
 - a. What does the writer want you to think about the topic?
 - b. What are the author's biases? How does the writer demonstrate his perspective?
 - c. Analyze the author's sense of balance, reason, and fairness? Is he one-sided in his perspective? Does the author try to understand the past or judge the past? How does he show this?
4. Share your perspective of the book
 - a. Did you like it? Why or why not?
 - b. What added to your understanding of the topic?
 - c. Were you persuaded by the arguments? Did you find yourself agreeing with the author a lot? Did the author conform or challenge your preconceived ideas about the topic?

Extra Credit Book Review

20 pts.

Same procedures and policies outlined in main assignment except it can be a book on any topic, fiction/non fiction, etc.