**History Assignment #2**

**Your task is to use the sources listed below and your own research (five sources) to develop a ten-page, argumentative essay (2000 words) on one of the topics listed below.** To be considered complete, your assignment must have the following:

1. Clear thesis statement with strong supporting evidence
2. Correct essay form and structure; clear concise writing
3. Correct footnotes and bibliography (Chicago Manual of Style)
4. Evidence that five new academic sources have been successfully researched and correctly cited
5. Evidence that all ten sources have been consulted and information successfully incorporated into the essay
6. Your essay should, at a minimum, discuss each individual topic’s themes and concerns

**Assignment is due in class the week of November 6**

**(Paper Copy, Not Electronic)**

**100 Points total (See marking sheet). Will be scaled to 25% of final grade**

**Students can develop their own topics. Please see the instructor.**

**I strongly discourage you from using Google, Wikipedia, Youtube, or other internet sources for this assignment. Use the KPU library; it is your best friend for this assignment.**

**Essay Formatting:**

1. Name, Student Number and Course Name in the top right-hand corner of the first page
2. No need for title pages or cover sheets (just one staple)
3. Double Space all writing
4. 12-point size text; font is Times New Roman
5. 2.54cm (1-inch) margins all round

**Topic #1: The Cariboo Gold Rush in British Columbia – 1858-1863**

What was life like for the people involved in the British Columbia Gold Rush? Problems, concerns, conflicts? Successes and failures?

Required Sources:

1. Thomas Thorner, ed., *“A Few Acres of Snow: Documents in Pre-Confederation Canadian History (*Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2003), Chapter 14 “’A Great Humbug’: British Columbia’s Gold Rushes” pages 341-71. (KPU Library, online e-Book).
2. Robin Fisher, *Contact and Conflict: Indian-European Relations in British Columbia* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 1992), Chapter 5 “Gold Miners and Settlers,” pages 95-118. (KPU Library, online e-Book).
3. Agnes Laut, *The Cariboo Trail: A Chronicle of the Gold Fields of British Columbia* (Toronto: Glasgow Books, 1916), Chapter 7 “Life at the Mines” is the best chapter, but other chapters may prove useful as well. (KPU Library, online e-Book).
4. Barry Gough, *Britannia’s Navy on the West Coast of North America, 1812-1914* (Toronto: Heritage House Publishing Company 2016), Chapter Six “Gold Rush Crises.” (KPU Library, online e-Book).
5. Margaret A. Ormsby, ed., *A Pioneer Gentlewoman in British Columbia* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 1999) Chapter 1 “Some Recollections of a Pioneer of the Sixties.” (KPU Library, online e-Book).

Recommended but not required book available in KPU library:

1. Tina Loo, *Making law, order, and authority in British Columbia, 1821-1871* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1994) (KPU Library, Book)

**Topic #2: The War of 1812**

Who won and who lost the war of 1812? How and why?

Why was/is the war so important culturally, both in the past and today?

Required Sources:

1. Jennifer Crump, *Canada on Fire: The War of 1812* (Toronto: Dundurn Press, 2011). (KPU Library, online e-Book).
2. George Sheppard, *Plunder, Profit and Paroles: A Social History of the War of 1812 in Upper Canada* (Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 1994). (KPU Library, online e-Book).
3. Carl Benn, *The Iroquois in the War of 1812* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1998). (KPU Library, online e-Book).
4. Donald R. Hickey, *The War of 1812: A Short History* (Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2012. (KPU Library, online e-Book).
5. Infobase for PBS, *The War of 1812* (New York, 2011). (KPU Library, 2-hour video)

Recommended but not required book available in KPU library:

1. J.M. Hitsman, *The Incredible War of 1812* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1965). This remains the best source for the War of 1812. (KPU Library, Book).

**Topic #3: The Women of New France**

What was life like for the women of the colony of New France?

Problems, concerns, conflicts? Successes and failures? Limitations?

Required Sources:

1. Jan Noel, “Women in New France,” Canadian Historical Association Booklet No. 59, 1998. (<https://cha-shc.ca/_uploads/5c38af9fb775e.pdf>)
2. Roger Gannon and Rosalind Gill, trans. *Quebec Women: A History* (Toronto: Women’s Press 1987). (See Chapters 1-7). (KPU Library, online e-Book).
3. Isabel Foulché-Delbosc, “Women of New France: (Three Rivers: 1651-1711),” *The Canadian Historical Review* 21, 2 (June 1940): 132-149.
4. Denyse Baillargeon, *A Brief History of Women in Quebec* (Waterloo: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2014) (KPU Library, online e-Book).
5. Micheline Dumont, “Girls’ Schooling in Quebec, 1639-1960,” Canadian Historical Association Booklet No. 49, 1990. (<https://cha-shc.ca/_uploads/5c38ac057e744.pdf>.

Recommended but not required book available in KPU library:

1. Karen Anderson, *Chain her by one foot: The Subjugation of Women in Seventeenth-Century New France* (New York: Routledge, 1991). (KPU Library, book).

**Topic #4: The Aboriginal Peoples of Canada and Disease Epidemics**

How did disease epidemics (small pox, tuberculosis, measles) affect the Aboriginal peoples of western Canada and British Columbia?

Make sure to write about the cultural, economic, social and political effects in your answer.

Note: make sure you answer focuses on pre-Confederation Canada (before 1867) and western Canada and BC.

Required Sources:

1. James Daschuk, *Clearing the Plains: Disease, Politics of Starvation, and the Loss of Aboriginal Life* (Regina: University of Regina Press, 2013). (KPU Library, online e-Book).
2. Paul Hackett, *A Very Remarkable Sickness: Epidemics in the Petit Nord, 1670-1846* (Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 2002). (KPU Library, online e-Book).
3. C. Stuart Houston, “The First Smallpox Epidemic on the Canadian Plains: In the Fur-traders’ Words,” *The Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases* 11, 2 (March 2000): 112-115. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2094753/>
4. Cole Harris, *The Resettlement of British Columbia: Essays on Colonialism and Geographical Change* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 1997) Chapter 1 “Voices of Smallpox around the Strait of Georgia.” (KPU Library, online e-Book).
5. John Belshaw, *Becoming British Columbia: A Population History* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2009), Chapter 3 “The West We Have Lost: First Nations Depopulation.”

Recommended reading but not required:

1. Olive Dickason, *Canada’s First Nations: A History of Founding Peoples from Earliest Times* (Don Mills: Oxford University Press, 2002). (KPU Library, Book).