

CHY 4U Essay Description and Criteria

In this course you will complete two mini essays or reflections. They must be research based essays but include your own analysis, thoughts and conclusions.

Essay #1 – Unit 1/2, 500 words maximum, typed, 12 pt., single spaced

Due Date – Wednesday OCT 28, 2015

During Unit 1 and 2, we see many changes and continuities. It is an age of questioning, exploration, science and invention and yet for many people, things stay the same. You must pick an aspect of this time period to research and consider the changes that have occurred and the things that have stayed the same with regards to the topic. At least 5 reliable and valid sources should be used. Include your own conclusions and analysis. Complete the chart below, before you begin to write, and be prepared to discuss during our second research period.

Essay #1 – Topic Proposal (be prepared to discuss)

Topic						
Class	Lower	Middle	Upper			
Theme (You may circle more than one)	Religion	Military	Economy	Health	Politics	Social
	Other _____					
Possible Thesis						
Possible Arguments						
1.						
2.						
3.						

Essay #1 – Evaluation Rubric /40

Task	Excellent /4	Good /3	Satisfactory /2	Poor /1
Communication				
Presents Thesis and Arguments				
Writing is Clear and Concise/Paper Flows Well/Uses Transitions, No Grammar and Spelling Errors, Edited				
Appropriate Essay Style				
Respected Timelines				
Thinking				
Synthesis of Information and Research				
Well Researched Essay and Independent thought				
Properly Sources Essay				
Application/Knowledge				
Information Analyzed/Interpreted/Evidence of Critical Thinking and Research/				
Organized Information Well to Prove Arguments/Examples				
Use information to make logical conclusions				

Teacher Comments

Essay #2 – Unit 1/2, 500 words maximum, typed, 12 pt., single spaced

Due Date: Wednesday DEC 9, 2015

We have now explored the Renaissance, Reformation, Age of Exploration and Revolution. The Western World as we know it has changed and evolved. It is now part of a global network of trade, politics, conflict and progression. For your second essay you may choose a topic that relates in some way to the modern Western world (1500 – 2000). Pick a part of history that interests you most and explore it. This is your opportunity to delve into the unknown! At least 5 reliable and valid sources should be used. Include your own conclusions and analysis. Complete the chart below, before you begin to write, and be prepared to discuss during our second research period.

Essay #2 – Topic Proposal (be prepared to discuss)

Topic						
Class	Lower	Middle	Upper			
Theme (You may circle more than one)	Religion	Military	Economy	Health	Politics	Social
	Other _____					
Possible Thesis						
Possible Arguments						
1.						
2.						
3.						

Essay #2 – Evaluation Rubric /40

Task	Excellent /4	Good /3	Satisfactory /2	Poor /1
Communication				
Presents Thesis and Arguments				
Writing is Clear and Concise/Paper Flows Well/Uses Transitions, No Grammar and Spelling Errors, Edited				
Appropriate Essay Style				
Respected Timelines				
Thinking				
Synthesis of Information and Research				
Well Researched Essay and Independent thought				
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