

Scored Discussion #1

Pre-Discussion Activity

A few times throughout the semester, you will be assigned a reading selection from an alternative textbook or academic source which will then be discussed in class. You will typically have three to five days to read and digest the material. In order to make sure you are prepared for class discussions, you will also be required to complete a written response which you will turn in following the discussion for a portion of your grade.

For this first discussion, your written response will be a bit different, as we tackled the main point of view reading in class. You may also read the four historians again for more clarity and to refresh your memory. Please use your chart that you created outlining the four different historians' views on Jackson and the expansion of democracy, as well as the other secondary and primary source readings on the class website to prepare for this discussion. Create a brief response using the format below:

Identify the primary points of view on Jacksonian Democracy historians have posited over time. How have each been linked to the time period in which they were developed?

For the primary sources, what is each selection's main point? What do you believe it says about the expansion of democracy during the Jacksonian Era?

Choose three to five passages or quotations from any of the selections that you would argue are the most significant. Explain why you chose each quotation

Create at least three but no more than five questions you would ask the historians

Create and define a list of at least 5 vocabulary terms you either 1) were unfamiliar with before this reading, or 2) you believe are essential to understanding the material in these readings

Personal Reaction – A ONE PARAGRAPH response to the selections expressing your opinions based on what you have read

Create at least three, higher level questions you can ask during class discussion on the selection

Please type this activity and include your name as a running header on each page. Title the notes the same as the reading selection for which they are completed. You will use this during the discussion, so please be sure that you have a printed copy as discussion day will be a no devices day. For more details on how the discussion will work, please see the class website.