

Scored Discussion Reading

Notes Directions

A few times throughout the semester, you will be assigned reading selections from historians who disagree in their interpretations of a specific historical event. You will typically have 5-7 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 the following written response, which you will turn in following the discussion for a portion of your grade:

For each document

- What is the author's primary thesis
- List the Main Ideas (You should be able to identify 2-3 per document)
- Choose **two to three** passages or quotations from each selection that you would argue are the most significant. Explain why you chose each quotation
- Create at least **two but no more than three** questions you would ask each **author**
- 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 this chapter
- Personal Reaction – A **ONE PARAGRAPH** response to the selections expressing your opinions based on what you have read, including which argument you most agree and why
- Create **at least three** questions you can ask **during class discussion** on the selection

Please type your notes for readings 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. They will be returned to you as a study aid. A sample student response can be found in PDF form on the class website. (This is not a "perfect" paper, but an actual student's work to give you an IDEA of what I am expecting. The sample is missing the class discussion questions at the end.)