

You have several options for your required short papers – see syllabus. You must submit TWO of the FOUR papers as indicated in the syllabus. When you submit this paper, here are some guidelines:

Mechanics:

All papers must be typed with one-inch margins all around and standard-size fonts (10 or 12 characters per inch). Papers should be a minimum of 4 pages and maximum of 6 pages.

You should include a title page with paper title, your name, course number, and date of submission.

You MUST use page numbers. The title page does not count as a page.

You must cite your sources with standard footnotes or endnotes. The standard guide in history for citations is Turabian, *Manual for Writers of Term Papers....* Footnotes are at the bottom of each page; endnotes are at the end of the paper. If you are unsure about the content of these notes, see me.

You need not create a bibliography. Sources for this paper include only course materials. If you go to the web or any other sources, I will ask you to resubmit (see syllabus).

Content:

This paper must rest MAINLY on **primary sources**. That is, you will PROVE your assertions with quotations or paraphrased references to the documents, using the Hyser book ("Voices") and one of the small document collections. Paper Choice No. One, for instance, focuses on the Horton book ("Blacks during the American Revolution") and is due in class **October 2**.

The introductions, headnotes, textbook, and other material written by historians are NOT primary sources. They are secondary sources. You surely may refer to them. But those references will not satisfy the primary source requirement.

All material that you have taken verbatim from any source has to be enclosed in quotation marks; all material that has been borrowed but put into your own words has to be cited to the source. If you do not do these things, you will receive an F for plagiarism. You also risk expulsion from university. All writing that is not substantially your own has to be credited, either with quotation marks or, in the case of paraphrasing, with a note. You do not need to cite my lectures.

Papers must include a thesis paragraph. This is a paragraph, up front, that identifies the paper's themes and/or its position in relation to those themes. (E.g., "Black Americans in the Revolutionary era experienced several kinds of hardship. Of particular importance were economic hardships and social hardships, much of which had to do with contemporary understandings of race"). You then would go on to show how these things are true, one by one, and then write a conclusion. But – make your OWN decisions about what your main themes will be. The paper MUST have an argumentative structure – that is, an introduction (with a statement of themes and/or positions), then a body in which you advance your arguments with evidence, and finally a conclusion.

You will have an opportunity to rewrite the papers in response to criticism. I will return them with a provisional grade. If you like the grade, keep it. If not, you will have one week (no more) to revise in response to criticism and resubmit. I absolutely cannot extend the revision period.