

Journal Article Assignment

Answer any six of the following prompts.

(Document cannot be more than two pages. You must use a twelve-point font. You must use one-inch margins. Single spacing is fine.)

- 1) Which two or three passages (name the page and the graf) did you find most meaningful and why?
- 2) Based on the bibliographic information in the article and whatever other information you might gather with a quick Internet search, who is the audience for this piece and what is the expertise of its author?
- 3) In no more than three or four simple sentences what is the argument or point that the article is trying to make?
- 4) Name two or three key takeaways from this article that either change/inform the way that you think about a particular subject or the ways that you might practice history?
- 5) Explain the organization of the article/argument. How does the author move from point to point in the article? What is its main argument and what are its other major points.
- 6) In no more than 6-8 words, name five key insights that you take away from the article.
- 7) The elevator pitch. In no more than thirty words and in three sentences explain the topic, scope, and argument of the article.
- 8) List the 3-5 most important footnotes with a brief explanation as to why that particular footnote is important. (historiography, valuable primary sources, develop ancillary argument, etc. . .)