

Final Paper (optional)**Hist. 301**

Handed out: April 30, 2024

Due: May 9

Write a research proposal on a historical topic, that will be the basis for a later seminar paper in Hist. 498. The paper should lay out a research question that analyses some concept or event, states why the topic is important, and specifies the time frame your research will cover. In addition, you should indicate the primary sources you will use to investigate the topic. The text of the paper should be 600-800 words. In addition, you should cite at least six secondary sources that relate to your topic and that will inform your analysis. You should use the library database to obtain the secondary sources.

Your completed papers should be placed in my mailbox in Chavez 415, the History Department main office. Make sure to staple everything together.

Note that this paper is optional. If you are satisfied with your grade on the three midterms (especially if your average is an A), then you have no need to complete this assignment. If you do submit the optional paper, it will not hurt your grade; but there is no guarantee it will help. It will count for 25 percent of your overall class grade.

I recommend you speak with me during office hours tomorrow (9-10:30am) before starting.