

Book Review Instructions

Although I do not offer extra-credit, I do offer the opportunity to replace your lowest test grade by submitting a book review. You may read a book (fiction or non) that is related a historical topic and write a review. The book should be at least 250¹ pages and must in some way be historical. **Your selection must have information related to the content of the test you wish to replace.** If you are not certain your book meets the requirements please bring it to me for approval.

Your review should be 2-3 pages typed and double spaced. You should include the following in your essay:

- ❑ A clear and well written introduction
- ❑ A brief summary of the book
- ❑ A critique of the book
 - For fiction-is it historically accurate and readable?
 - Non-fiction-is it easy to follow, scholarly and readable?
- ❑ Would you recommend the book to others? Who? Why or why not?
- ❑ What new information have you gathered about the time period discussed?
- ❑ What information did you already know? Did this information assist you in understanding the book?

Note:

Please indicate the test and test grade you wish to replace.

Your book review should conform to the guidelines put forth in your Student Writing Handbook. This means you must use proper MLA format! Your reviews must be submitted on the last Friday of the semester (prior to exams)

¹ Some books may be shorter but more difficult and therefore acceptable. Please feel free to ask me about the book you have chosen if you are not certain it meets the requirements.