

PAPER ASSIGNMENT #1 – HIST 102

To complete this assignment you must write a 500-to-1000-word essay considering ONE of the following questions. You must use 12-point “Times New Roman” font, double-spaced, with 1” margins. To receive full credit, you need to correctly cite *at least* one example **from a primary source in the *Perspectives from the Past* reader** to support your argument/answer. You also **must** visit the Center for Academic Learning for some type of writing support (whether that’s brainstorming with a tutor, outlining your essay, revising your essay, figuring out citation formatting, etc.). Citations should be in Chicago/Turabian format (for examples, see pg. 112 of Mary Rampolla’s *A Pocket Guide to Writing History* or <http://bit.ly/KrFvvy>). While I do not expect a research paper, I do anticipate that these essays will reflect your ability to think critically and creatively. This paper will be due in class on **2 October**.

QUESTIONS:

1. “The discovery of the ‘New World’ had very little impact on the intellectual culture of Europe.” Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Be sure to use specific examples from primary sources to bolster your argument.
2. Many Enlightenment thinkers believed that they were articulating universal political ideas and cultural values. Do you believe that these European intellectuals were truly able to define theories of governance that were/are applicable to all cultures and societies? Using primary sources, provide examples to justify your argument.
3. How did Enlightenment thinkers characterize women? How did Mary Wollstonecraft challenge the typical 18th-century understanding of women?
4. How much involvement should the Church and other religious institutions have in the development of science? Do you agree with Galileo, that “discussions of physical problems . . . ought to begin not from the authority of scriptural passages, but from sense-experiences and necessary demonstrations” (see page 434 in the Cole/Symes textbook)? Why did he make that statement, and why do you agree or disagree with him?