

PAPER ASSIGNMENT #1 – HIST 182

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 *Latin American Voices* 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/KrFvv>). 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 **3 October**.

QUESTIONS:

1. Provide an example of transculturation in contemporary Latin American society. Has your chosen example been influenced at all by Latin America’s colonial history? If yes, how so? If not, how has your example managed to avoid such influence?
2. Every Latin American historian agrees that the economic and political systems built from Spanish and Portuguese colonialism were brutal, racist, and oppressive. Why, then, did those systems last so long?
3. In the early 19th century, Spanish and Portuguese colonialism in the Americas collapsed. Instead, Latin America exploded into movements of revolutionary independence. What do you believe caused this political shift?