

## Testimony Paper (HIST 220)

*Spring 2018*

To complete this assignment you must write a 1500-word essay **summarizing, contextualizing, and commenting on** a Holocaust testimony book chosen from the Zollinger Library's catalog. You must double-space your response and use 12-point "Times New Roman" font with 1" margins. Citations should be in Chicago/Turabian format. I anticipate that these essays will reflect your ability to think critically and creatively. This paper will be due in class on **9 April 2018**.

Again, there are **three parts** to this paper. First, you need **summarize** the testimony of your chosen survivor. This does not mean that you are going to simply copy words from the book. If you are going to use direct quotations, use them sparingly (and cite them!). Explain the survivor's testimony *in your own words*.

You also need to **contextualize** the testimony. In order to genuinely understand the testimony you have read, place it into the surrounding historical context. You have several other books on the Holocaust that you purchased for this course. Use them. If your testimony book is discussing the Warsaw Ghetto, show me that you know what that is and why it is important. If your testimony book talks about *Kristallnacht*, define that event for your reader.

Finally, you need to make sure that you **comment on** what you have read. Tell me what you think about your testimony book. Does this testimony fit well into what you have already learned? Does it contradict or challenge what you've learned in this class? Are some of the facts wrong (and does that matter)?