

## **PAPER ASSIGNMENT #1 – HIST 220**

To complete this assignment you must write a 500-to-1000-word essay considering the following question. 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 one of our course’s books to support your argument/answer. Citations should be in Chicago/Turabian format (for examples, see <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 **19 February 2018**.

### **QUESTION:**

In Part I of Donald Niewyk’s *The Holocaust*, three different historians offer three different primary causes of the Holocaust: traditional antisemitism (John Weiss), Adolf Hitler (Ian Kershaw), and “scientific racism” (Henry Friedlander). Which causal explanation do you find most convincing? Why?