

PAPER ASSIGNMENT #2 – HIST 102

To complete this assignment you must write a 500-to-1000-word essay considering ONE of the following questions. You must double-space your response and use 12-point “Times New Roman” font 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/KrFvy>). 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 on **16 April** for section 400 and on **18 April** for section 401.

QUESTIONS:

1. Explain the concept of “total war”. How was this type of warfare different from earlier European conflicts? Do you think that these differences account for the political and economic instability of Europe after World War One? Why/why not?
2. Most historians agree that the Treaty of Versailles was largely unsuccessful. Why do you think it failed? What problems did it create or leave unresolved?
3. We have talked (a lot) about the real and/or perceived crises enveloping Europe around the *Fin-de-Siècle* (or, “turn of the century”). Choose two “crises”: one that you believe posed a threat to European culture/society and one that you believe did not. Justify your distinction.
4. Choose an emerging ideology of mass politics during the 19th century (liberalism, utilitarianism, socialism, conservatism, nationalism, anarchism). Are the ideas expressed in your chosen ideology still relevant to the social and political problems of today? If yes, how so? If not, why not?