

## Response Papers

You must write a paper of 800 words responding to the readings for the class session that you signed up for. You must respond to the primary sources, the required secondary readings, and any suggested readings for the day's class. Your paper is due by the start of class on the day of the class session that you signed up for, via Canvas.

You should address questions like: what do the readings have in common? What theme do they address? Do they offer similar/different points of view?

Biggest question to address: What do these readings add to 1) our study of US History to 1865 and 2) the day's specific topic?

The most straightforward way to tackle these response papers is to engage with one or more of the questions for primary sources. (These questions are available in the "Helpful Documents" link on Canvas). But you may also raise other questions or issues that strike you as worthy of consideration, or draw historical comparisons with other "cases," trends, or patterns that we have previously covered.

### **Paper Length and Formatting:**

- Your paper should be **800 words**
- Please use 12 point, Times New Roman font, standard 1 inch margins, and double-space your paper.
- Include your name and the class at the top of the first page, and be sure to include page numbers.
- You should refer to the Chicago Manual of Style for any citations. Citations should be in footnotes, not parenthetical in-text citations.

### **Note:**

**I expect individuals who have written a response for a particular class to be ready to participate especially actively on that day.**