

# Analytical Assignment

## Assignment Requirements:

Your assignment is due by the start of class on Friday, November 22 and must be submitted via Canvas. The base of this assignment will be the primary source you chose for your primary source analysis. You MAY NOT use a different primary source as the basis of this assignment. You will have a choice of two options for this assignment.

Using the primary source you chose for your primary source analysis, answer the following question: How did gender and race/ethnicity shape how Americans interacted with the political, economic, legal, and cultural forces that shaped their lives?

## Assignment Options:

1. Your first option is to write a letter, using the primary source that you chose for your primary source analysis as the center for your analysis. Write the letter as if you are describing the event/speech/policy to someone during that time who has not heard/seen the relevant event. This letter should include relevant evidence and examples from class lectures, readings, and discussions. Edit your letter thoroughly to avoid errors and to improve readability.
2. Your second option is a traditional essay, using the primary source you have chosen as the center of your analysis. This essay must have a clear argument and be well-supported with relevant evidence. Organize your paper with a logical structure and use clear topic sentences and transitions to help your reader understand the logic of your organization. Edit your paper thoroughly to avoid errors and to improve readability. Give your paper a title that reflects your argument.

## Grading Criteria:

Both options will be graded on similar criteria. Each is expected to present an argument with supporting evidence. Your essay or letter should be well written and its argument clear. As part of the research, you should consult and cite a minimum of 3 primary and/or secondary sources, including scholarly books and articles in peer-reviewed journals. One of these secondary sources must be a source that you have found via your own research.

## Paper Length and Formatting:

- Your essay/letter should be between **1200-1500 words**.
- Please use 12 point, Times New Roman font, standard 1-inch margins, and double-space your paper. Include your name 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.
- You should name your document using the following format: LASTNAME, Essay

## Deadlines & Important Dates:

- Friday, November 8 – No class. Use this time to work on your assignment: create an outline and begin researching to find an outside secondary source.

- Wednesday, November 13 – Submit 1 secondary source that you have found via your own research to use in supporting your argument in the assignment. This secondary source may not be any of the class readings. It must be a scholarly book or article in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Friday, November 22 – Submit assignment via Canvas no later than 1:00 PM.