

BOOK CLUB ASSIGNMENT - FINAL SUBMISSION • HIS 3310

Guidelines & Expectations for Final Evaluation

ASSIGNMENT (PER SYLLABUS)

Students will select (or be assigned) one of the three common reads, or course textbooks: *Futbolera*, *Raceball*, and *Soccer in Ciudad Juárez*. By March 2 (Week 07), students will submit an early reaction blog post. This blog post should be between 350-400 words capturing your reaction to the Introduction and first chapter(s) of your book. What stands out? What questions arise? What is the historical context? What are the author's goals and methodologies? etc.

A few weeks later, after you finish reading the book, you will provide an overall analysis of the entire book. Students will select a digital-platform tool that can help you create a multimedia poster, graphic organizer, Prezi, Sutori or other hierarchical story maps, vlog, etc. In your overall analysis, you will want to mirror professional book reviews (see checklist below).

Both the early reaction blog post and the final Book Club analysis assignment will be posted on the course website using the category "Book Club."

SUBMISSION ELEMENTS

- Blog Post reaction to Introduction and first chapters of your book (varies by book) - by Mar 2.
- Final Book Analysis/Review, which contains:
 - Title. Ideally, should be a bibliography citation for your book using Zotero > Chicago Manual of Style (full note)
 - Brief synopsis of the book (what it's about)
 - Authors' main argument(s)
 - Brief background of the topic (historical context)
 - A summary of how well the book engages with the topic
 - Critiques of the book (what worked well, seemed confusing, or where it fell flat)
 - A final, concluding assessment of the merits of the book and who might find it appealing (potential audiences).
- Format is your choice. It should be text-heavy, **complimented by multimedia elements** like images, sound or video clips, or data visualization. Possible tools: Google Docs; blog posts; Vlog; Story Map or Sutori; digital poster/annotation tool like Thinglink; Slideware (PP, Prezi, Google Slides, etc.)
- Submitted **by Mar 24** (email instructor if you need a weekend extension). Absolute cut off for any submissions is on 3/27 by 11:59 am. Post a URL link to your product (or a blog post) as a "POST" on the course website, selecting the "Book Club" category.

ASSESSMENT & FEEDBACK

For: _____ / _____ of 15 pts.

CRITERIA	Excellent	Good	Needs Work	Insufficient/ Incomplete	No Evidence
Met All Reqs. (initial reaction blog post, final post, met both deadlines)					
<i>Initial Blog Post: adhered to word count; addressed questions</i>					
Clearly written/developed; book citation; clean presentation					
Offers a thorough book review (see checklist)					
Quality of analysis					
Use of multimedia elements to enhance book analysis					
<i>BONUS:</i> links book to other HIS 3310 readings in an effective manner					

COMMENTS: