

BOOK CLUB ASSIGNMENT - FINAL SUBMISSION • HIS 3310

Guidelines & Expectations for Final Evaluation

ASSIGNMENT (PER SYLLABUS)

Students will select one of the four common reads, or course textbooks: *When Baseball Went White*, *ACC Basketball*, *Futbol*, *Jews*, and *the Making of Argentina*, and *The Rise of Gridiron University*. By Feb 29 (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 two chapters 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 submit a formal book review that mirrors professional book reviews (see checklist below). Submissions should be converted to PDF files before posting on the course website.

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 by Feb 29.
- 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) - can offer a chapter/book structure overview
 - 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).
- Proofed for grammar, spelling, and structure
- Submitted **by Mar 26** (email instructor if you need a weekend extension). Absolute cut off is by 11:59 am. Post a "blurb" - brief sentence or two that offers an overview of the book and your overall impression - with a link to access your PDF. Select the "Book Club" category. Post.

ASSESSMENT & FEEDBACK

For: _____ / _____ of 15 pts.

| CRITERIA | Excellent | Good | Needs Work | Insufficient/ Incomplete | No Evidence |
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| Met All Reqs. (initial reaction blog post, final post, met both deadlines) | | | | | |
| <i>Initial Blog Post: adhered to word count; addressed questions, covered Intro and first 2 chps.</i> | | | | | |
| Formal book review: Clearly written/developed; book citation; clean presentation | | | | | |
| Offers a thorough book review (see checklist) | | | | | |
| Quality of analysis | | | | | |
| Book review blog post: offers a "blurb," link to PDF file, category. | | | | | |
| <i>OVERALL</i> | | | | | |

COMMENTS: