

BOOK ANALYSIS ASSIGNMENT • HIS 3310 • SUMMER 2025

Guidelines & Expectations for Final Evaluation

Students will select one sports history book written by an academic scholar. The list of books to choose from can be found on the HIS 3310 Amazon page and the [Books by Sport page](#) on the course website.

- Some examples include, but are not limited to: *When Baseball Went White*, *ACC Basketball*, *Futbol, Jews, and the Making of Argentina*, *The Rise of Gridiron University*, *I Fight for a Living: Boxing and the Battle for Black Manhood*, and *Before the Eyes of the World: Mexico and the 1968 Olympic Games* [The three HIS 3310 textbooks cannot be chosen]
- Please check with Belk Library about any books they have accessible as e-versions; however, you can probably find inexpensive copies online as well.
- Contact me as soon as possible if you run into a problem.

Submit a 650-800 word academic book review that does the following: provides a brief background of the topic, a condensed summary of how well the book engages with the topic, an explanation of the authors' main argument, particular critiques of the book (what worked well, where it fell flat or seemed confusing), and a final assessment of the merits of the book for our understanding of sport history (... and maybe who is the book's potential audience).

Submit on AsULearn anytime, but no later than by June 25.

SUBMISSION ELEMENTS

- ☐ [Module 3 Preview Activity asks you to choose your book by June 9-10.]
- ☐ Book Analysis contains:
 - ☐ Title. Provide the bibliographic citation of the book using Chicago Style for book (or edited volume)
 - ☐ Brief synopsis of the book (what it's about); offer a brief chapter/book structure review
 - ☐ 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. Word count between 650-800 words.
- ☐ Submitted **by June 25**. Absolute cut off is by 11:59 am.

ASSESSMENT & FEEDBACK

For: _____ / _____ of 10 pts.

CRITERIA	Excellent	Good	Needs Work	Insufficient/ Incomplete	No Evidence
Met all formatting requirements, including book citation, and name					
<i>Adhered to word count; posted on time; avoids spelling/grammar issues</i>					
Structure of review: Clearly written/developed, organized, easy to follow					
Completeness: Offers a thorough book review; has most-to-all elements for an academic review (see checklist)					
Quality of analysis: smart, paid attention to the book, understands thesis and audience, connects to the larger themes discussed in HIS 3310					
OVERALL: -					