

History 110 Writing Assignment: Global Connections, 500CE-1500CE

**GE Focus Areas: Communication-Writing Intensive;
Critical Inquiry: Civic Discourse-Historical, Cultural and Global Awareness**

From 500CE to 1500CE, world history was marked by increased connections between societies, either through trade, religion, conquest, and culture. While some of these connections proved positive, others resulted in conflict. Write a 1500-word paper discussing a connection that linked two or more societies in the world between 500CE and 1500CE. You may choose any two societies, but there needs to be a documented connection.

Examples include:

Muslims and Hindus in India

Kievan Rus and Byzantium

Saharan trade (Arabs and West Africans)

Mongols and China

Mongols and Russia

Ottomans and Byzantines

Magyars and Vikings in Europe

North Africa and Spain

China and Vietnam

Bantu migrations (South and Central Africa)

Crusades (Christians vs. Muslims)

Inca and Chimú

1. Topic Proposal

Each of these topics is very broad, so I expect you to narrow your focus and discuss a specific aspect or prominent figure relating to the topic. Your one-paragraph topic proposal will describe what you will be researching.

2. Bibliography and Outline

Provide a list of all of the sources you have consulted in your research and a basic outline that covers the main points you will be discussing.

3. Final Draft

The Final Draft will include the 1500 word research paper *and* your final bibliography.

4. Snapshot Reports

You will share what you learned in your research with your classmates with a brief report.

Notes on Mechanics/Formatting:

1. Your final draft must be 1500-2000 words in length and include:

A. A title

B. An introductory paragraph

C. An organized discussion of the points introduced in the introduction

D. A conclusion

2. Margins are to be no wider than 1”

3. Use a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman, Courier, Arial)

4. The essay is to be written in your own words and should contain few, if any, direct quotes from the text or other sources

5. Proofread your essay for spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors before submitting

6. Use MLA or APA for citations and format

7. Include a bibliography of all sources consulted, whether cited or not

8. The Writing Rubric, MLA and APA style guides, and other resources can be found in the “Writing Resources” folder under the Course Info section of Blackboard