History 111 Writing Assignment: Global Conflicts since 1800

GE Focus Areas: Communication-Writing Intensive; Digital Literacy; Civic Discourse-Historical, Cultural and Global Awareness

The 19th and 20th centuries witnessed a dramatic rise in conflicts throughout the world. Political and social upheavals, territorial and ideological wars, the rise and fall of global empires, and economic disputes are examples of the struggles experienced by people and nations of the 1800s and 1900s. Write a 1500-2000 word paper about a conflict that arose during the period of 1800-1999. What were the causes of the conflict? What change resulted from the conflict? How did the conflict impact the global community?

Examples of topics include:

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. Project Presentation
   You will share what you learned in your research with your classmates with a 5-10 minute presentation that includes a visual component (PowerPoint, Prezi, Video).

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