

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CLASS TEXT HOMEWORK

In the class text, Ways of the World, you will find that the author discusses and often refers to the **3 main eras** of World History II. These eras are:

- Early Modern 1450-1750,
- The European Moment in World History, 1750-1914,
- The Most Recent Century 1914-2008.

You will find the author continually connects the details he mentions to a larger context. He goes back and forth between particulars and the bigger picture **because the main goal of this course is to understand the bigger picture. The bigger picture consists of the long term patterns and trends of global history.** Your main task, therefore, will be to acquire a firm grasp of macrohistory. This means you must focus on the **main ideas** in all course readings.

Homework Assignments for the assigned chapters in the class text consist of two elements:

1. **Outline each chapter assigned.** That means you must write down the Chapter number and title and must include in your outline the **main topics and the main ideas**. You might ask “What does this mean, the main topics and the main ideas?” Well, each paragraph and each section of the chapter has a **topic**. You must first **identify the TOPIC**. Once you identify the TOPIC, then you **identify the MAIN IDEA by asking yourself “What is the author saying about the topic?”** So your outline will consist of topics and main ideas which you will note as you read each chapter. If you complete this outline the day it is due, you will earn 10 points.

2. **Write a paragraph** telling what you found most interesting in each chapter assigned, and how what you found interesting relates to the overall picture of world history, and how what you found interesting connects to our lives today. Your paragraphs will be graded according to the Rating Scale for Paragraphs on the website.

You can earn a maximum of 20 points for completing the outline and the paragraph for each chapter assigned.