

### Summer Assignment-2017

Understanding world history in today's world is critical, as it really is an understanding of our identity and the human condition. Our world has shrunk immeasurably and what affects other parts of the world affects the United States. Increasingly in our modern world stories and histories are told through a variety of media. Therefore, this summer I would like you to explore modern world history not through books but through documentaries. Your assignment is in two parts.

#### **Part I:**

Choose any of the following documentaries and watch **THREE** of them.

1. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/romanovs/>
2. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/blood-oil/>
3. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/americas-great-indian-leaders/>
4. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/americas-great-indian-nations/>
5. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/red-cry/>
6. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/poor-us-animted-history/>
7. <https://cosmolearning.org/documentaries/guns-germs-and-steel-683/>
8. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/invisible-nation/>
9. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/empire-africa/>
10. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/british-empire-in-colour/>
11. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/1421-the-year-china-discovered-america/>
12. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/civilization-is-the-west-history/>
13. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/haitian-revolution-toussaint-louverture/>
14. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/call-snow-lion/>
15. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/canary-effect/>
16. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/iran-seven-faces-of-civilization/>
17. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/byzantium-lost-empire/>
18. <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/brazil-inconvenient-history/>
19. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/memory-of-the-camps/>
20. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wj4nclEDxw> (available through Netflix)

#### **Part II:**

1. For TWO of the documentaries:
  - a. Write a one page summary of and your personal reaction to the documentary.
2. For ONE of the documentaries write a longer 2-3 page paper that addresses the following prompts.
  - a. Summarize the documentary.
  - b. Using additional research, develop the historical context in which it takes place. Please cite your sources within the paper.
  - c. Analyze the point of view of the documentary and discuss the documentary's historical validity in at least 2 ways. Please cite.
  - d. Discuss how did the documentary enhanced your understanding of the topic.
  - e. Present some additional questions you have or additional research you would like to do.

Be prepared to present at least ONE of your papers. This assignment is due on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Good luck students!! I look forward to seeing you in the fall.