

HIS 151 US History to 1877
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Paper 2 Assignment

Note: Paper 2 is optional. If you did poorly on the first paper or did not do it at all, you will want to do the second paper to bring up your grade.

At the very least, you should look at my comments for Paper 1. Better, however, would be that you bring a draft of the paper for my comments before you submit to Turnitin.com to make sure you're on the right track.

Due Date:

Wednesday, November 16 by 11:59 PM: Paper due on Turnitin.com. This is the last day of Fall Term

The Question:

Choose ONE document from the list below and respond to this question:

What does the document reveal about life at the time it was written? Shoot for two or three observations and use specific evidence from the document.

Document # 1	“This Muddy Place”: Mary Ballou, a Boardinghouse Keeper in the California Gold Rush, 1852 http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/6512
Document # 2	Letters from an Iowa Soldier in the Civil War http://www.civilwarletters.com/ Note: Each letter is too short to use on its own for a paper. You can draw from any of the letters for the primary source.

Note: You must choose from this list. Failure to do so will result in a grade penalty. Do not use outside sources. Use only the textbook, lectures and the document to complete the assignment.

Helpful handouts for completing the paper:

- 1) Written Document Analysis Worksheet (on MyHills)
- 2) Directions for Turnitin.com (on MyHills)
- 3) Paper Guidelines Handout (on MyHills)

SUCCESS Center:

Don't forget the resources available at IHCC's SUCCESS Center. They have a computer lab and tutoring services are also available. They are located in ASCO 132.

See <http://www.indianhills.edu/success/index.html> or call 641-683-5238 or (800) 726-2585, ext. 5238 for details.

Specifics:

Your paper should be 600-800 words typed and double-spaced with one-inch margins in 12-point Times font. These are not research papers; use only the course materials to complete the assignment. I have provided general guidelines for writing papers on MyHills. I will use these guidelines when grading your papers. *If you have any questions about this handout, it is your responsibility to contact me for clarification.*

Submitting Papers:

Unless you have made a previous arrangement with me, I will consider papers late after 11:59 PM on **Wednesday, November 16**. Your paper must be submitted electronically via Turnitin.com. You are responsible for ensuring your paper is submitted properly.