Writing Assignment Sequence
MMW 13, Spring 2014

4%  TOPIC EXPLORATION
Your mission is to find a scholarly issue or question you would like to research and answer for MMW 13. Begin by doing library research on two or more topics appropriate to the historical period covered in MMW 13: 1200 to 1750 CE. Your topic must be drawn from this period. See the assignment sheet for full instructions.

For this and all subsequent assignments, you will create a Works Cited page in MLA format that lists all the sources used. You may consult as many sources as you wish for this assignment, but everything that you cite must be scholarly.

Provide a photocopy or printout of the source of each discovery. Copy the title/cover page with the publication information, plus all passages relevant to each observation. Highlight each relevant passage. Put the copies in the order you mention the passages in the paper.

LENGTH: 2-4 pages + Works Cited page
DUE: Tuesday, April 8, and Wednesday, April 9

4%  PROJECT MAP and PROPOSED RESEARCH QUESTION
Write a list of two to five potential research questions on one or more of the topics that you have been exploring in your preliminary research. Pose at least one question on each topic that you choose to address. List the observations or discoveries that led you to pose each of the questions, and explain why you ask the questions that you do.

In addition, create a Works Cited page in MLA format that lists all the sources you use in the paper. You may consult as many sources as you wish for this assignment, but everything that you cite must be scholarly.

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LENGTH: 2-4 pages + Works Cited page
DUE: Thursday, April 17, and Friday, April 18

7%  PROSPECTUS
Write a prospectus outlining your research project. Your prospectus should indicate, in two to three pages, your research question and working thesis, the
counterarguments you will address, the historical and scholarly context of your argument, and at least some of the evidence you plan to offer in support of your claims.

In addition, create a Works Cited page in MLA format that lists all the sources you use in the paper. You may consult as many sources as you wish for this assignment, but everything that you cite must be scholarly, and at least one source must be a scholarly article.

Provide a photocopy or printout of each source you reference. Copy the title/cover page with the publication information, plus all passages your reference. Highlight each relevant passage. Put the copies in the order you mention the passages in the paper.

LENGTH: 2-3 pages + Works Cited page
DUE: Thursday, May 1, and Friday, May 2

Note: Once you have submitted your prospectus, you may change your research topic only with the written consent of your TA. Once you have submitted your rough draft, you may not change your research topic under any circumstances.

6% ROUGH DRAFT and ROUGH DRAFT WORKSHOPS
Write a rough draft of your research paper. Your rough draft should be 6-10 pages with complete internal citations and a complete, up-to-date list of Works Cited in MLA format at the end of the paper. Polish your rough draft as much as possible, even though you can expect to revise it considerably after you have received feedback from your peers.

In addition, create a Works Cited page in MLA format that lists all the sources you use in the paper. You may consult as many sources as you wish for this assignment, but everything that you cite must be scholarly, and at least one source must be a scholarly article.

Provide a photocopy of each source from which you summarized or paraphrased ideas or information or quoted words, with the relevant passages highlighted. Copy the title/cover page with the publication information, plus all passages you used. Highlight each relevant passage. Put the copies in the order you mention the passages in the paper.

Half of your grade for the rough draft will be based on your participation in a rough draft peer workshop. You must participate in a workshop in order to get credit for completing the rough draft assignment.

LENGTH: 6-10 pages DRAFTS DUE: Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16
14%  FINAL DRAFT
Write an 8- to 10-page research paper that advances and supports an argument on an issue relevant to and significant for MMW 13.

In addition, create a Works Cited page in MLA format that lists all the sources you use in the paper. You may consult as many sources as you wish for this assignment, but everything that you cite must be scholarly, and **at least one source must be a scholarly article.**

You *must* also submit photocopies or printouts of each source from which you summarized or paraphrased ideas or information or quoted words, with the relevant passages highlighted. Copy the title/cover page with the publication information, plus all passages you used. Highlight each relevant passage. Put the copies in the order you mention the passages in the paper.

LENGTH: 8-10 pages + Works Cited page
DUE: Tuesday, June 3, and Wednesday, June 4

Note: Keep the graded copies of all five writing assignments. In order to get a grade for MMW 13, you must submit all of your written work for the whole quarter in a portfolio to your TA and upload an electronic copy of your final paper to Turnitin.com.

FINAL PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION CHECKLIST: Turn in a folder containing the following:

___ Folder
___ Graded Topic Exploration Assignment, with your TA’s comments
___ Graded Project Map and Proposed Research Question Assignment, with your TA’s comments
___ Graded Prospectus Assignment, with your TA’s comments
___ All Rough Drafts with peer comments from the Rough Draft Workshop
___ Final Draft
___ Photocopies of all the sources from which you summarized or paraphrased ideas or information or quoted words and mentioned in your in-text citations and list of Works Cited, labeling each photocopy with complete citation information for the source, and highlighting the passage(s) relevant to each citation, with your TA’s comments (if from previous assignments and you had comments on them)
___ Turnitin.com Submission

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