During this summer session you will write an original 7-8 page research paper. The writing assignments for MMW122 draw on the analytical, research, and writing skills taught in MMW121. Use your research and writing reference books (Easy Writer, 5th edition, EW; A Writer’s Reference, WR) to help you to:

- Select a topic relevant to the historical period 1750CE to present (WR, 358-359).
- Read many scholarly sources on the topic (See “Sources for Research Papers handout for program expectations on sources, WR, 73-76-385 or EW, 35-38)
- Develop an open-ended, level-three question about your research topic (WR, 359-362, or EW)
- Identify alternative hypotheses (and the evidence that supports them) that answer your question (WR, 97-98; 105-106)
- Select, from among those hypotheses, what you believe to be the strongest of the answers to your question (your thesis) (WR, 106-110)
- Develop an argument based on your thesis and supported with evidence from your sources (WR, 103-105; EW 39-44)
- Discuss the significance of your topic and of your thesis (in better explaining your topic)

Please remember that it is a violation of the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship to submit material for which you have already received credit in another class, unless you have permission from your TA or professor to do so. This must be new work.

RESEARCH
You should get started on your research right away because you have only two weeks to submit a prospectus outlining your research project. During Week 1, you should search for and request scholarly books and articles that you can begin reading by the first weekend of summer session.

What about US-related topics?
If you choose to write about the US, your paper must meet the following criteria:
- a. You may write on US and the World – if the paper involves the US, the main action takes place in another geographical region outside US borders.
- b. If the main action takes place in the United States, the paper must focus only on first peoples, non-citizens, or forced/voluntary immigrants.

WRITING ASSIGNMENT
Your research paper will be completed in two parts according to the schedule below. Each part of the MMW writing assignment sequence must be completed and submitted in order to pass the course.

15% 1. PROSPECTUS and PROSPECTUS TEMPLATE
In this assignment you will write a prospectus that outlines your research project. Your prospectus should indicate, in three pages, your Level-3 research question and working thesis, the counterarguments that 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. Submit photocopies or printouts of all the sources to which you refer, labeled with complete citation information and with quoted or paraphrased material highlighted. You will also submit a list of Works Cited, in MLA format, that includes all your sources. You may consult as many sources as you wish for this assignment, but every secondary source you use and cite must be scholarly (textbooks, lectures, encyclopedia, websites or peer reviewed sources that are grounded in scholarship).

LENGTH: 3 pages DUE: Tuesday, August 18 (Week 3)

20% 2. FINAL PAPER
Submit a 7- to 8-page research paper that advances and supports an argument on a topic relevant to and significant for the course. Include a complete, up-to-date list of Works Cited at the end of your paper. (Note: the minimum page length does not include the list of Works Cited.) You must also submit photocopies or printouts of all the sources to which you refer in your paper, labeled with complete citation information and highlighted as for the first assignment.

LENGTH: 7-8 pages DUE: Thursday, September 3 (Week 5)

Note: Both writing assignments are subject to the regulations and policies detailed in the MMW Program Policies posted on the MMW Website. You must complete and submit both assignments in order to pass the course.

Handouts Posted on the MMW Website

Required Prompts and Handouts
Writing Assignment Overview
MMW Program Policies
Criteria for Evaluating Web Pages
Prospectus Prompt
Prospectus Template
Final Paper Prompt

Reference Handouts
Research Areas List
Surviving a Research Paper
Helpful Advice for Avoiding Plagiarism Slideshow
What is a Level-3 Question Worksheet
Journals vs. Magazines
Sources for MMW Research Papers
Prospectus Worksheet
Model Prospectus
Prospectus Grading Rubric
Final Paper Grading Rubric
Significance Worksheet

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