

* Please choose one of the following essay topics. You may use notes from lecture and the assigned readings, as well as other peer reviewed secondary sources.

* Your argument must be presented in an organized manner-including both an introduction and conclusion. Beware of Plagiarism! Identify all sources using either parenthetical citations or footnotes. If you quote sources in your paper, please do so accurately.

*Times New Roman 12pt font

*Double-Spaced

*Chicago Style footnotes/endnotes

A helpful website on citations: <https://pitt.libguides.com/citationhelp/chicago>

* 4 Pages (minimum)

1. Discuss the successes and failures of the civil rights movement. In what areas did the civil rights struggle of the 1950s and 1960s have the most impact? Where did the movement fail? How did the goals of the movement transform the lives of African Americans who were active participants in the struggle for freedom?
2. Discuss African American movements (political and social) after the 1960s. How did the black political agenda change in the 1970s and 1980s? What role did women play in this change as activists and as elected officials?
3. Write a review of Theoharis, *A More Beautiful and Terrible History*. Please provide a discussion of the author's main argument and explanation of the type of sources and methods the text utilizes. Some questions to consider: how does this book change the way one should think about the subject or about issues debated in Civil Rights history? What does the author do well? What critical intervention is the author making? What do readers need to know about this book?
4. Choose a topic based on readings from weeks 7-14. (Topic must be approved by instructor.)