

AMSC's Instructions--

Please provide a response (2-3 paragraphs) that clearly and concisely addresses the student learning outcome below. Your response will be graded using the rubric below.

Grading Rubric (criteria):

Logical Organization - 20 %

Relevance to Topic – 20 %

Supporting Evidence Provided – 20 %

Examples Cited – 20 %

Clarity – 20 %

Total = 0 to 100 %

Student Learning Outcome - General Education Learning Outcome E1: Students should be able to discuss historical, political, and cultural factors that influence the development of the United States.

Topic:

Discuss one historical, one political, and one cultural factor that influence the development of the United States.

Prof. McCray's instructions--

Provide a response (3 paragraphs) that clearly and concisely addresses the following student learning outcome (GELO)- Students should be able to discuss historical, political, and cultural factors that influence the development of the United States.

Here is the statement you need to respond to- Discuss one historical, one political, and one cultural factor influencing the development of the United States.

General Grading Rubric (criteria):

Logical Organization - 0-22 pts

Relevance to Topic – 0-22 pts

Supporting Evidence Provided – 0-22 pts

Examples Cited – 0-22 pts

Clarity – 0-22 pts

Total – up to 110 pts (77 or more points constitute a passing score)

In each of the above categories:

18-22 pts = outstanding

13-17 pts = good

6-12 pts = fair

1-5 pts = needs improvement

0 pt = did not attempt, did not demonstrate

Please note: A more detailed grading rubric has been uploaded to our course website for your convenience.

I. For each category, on the cover page of your response, identify the specific factor you plan to discuss as follows.

a. Historical factor:

b. Political factor:

c. Cultural factor:

II. Discussion Section: Use a Word, PDF, or Richtext file attachment to discuss each factor you have listed.

****Important:** You MUST center your answer on information covered in this class or that is in your textbook. Draw upon what you have already learned in this course and apply that knowledge when answering the question. For instance, a historical factor influencing the USA could be its heritage as a British colony. Write something like, "The United States' history as a British colony impacted its development as an English-speaking nation with laws rooted in the Magna Carta." DO NOT write something like, "Historical and cultural factors influencing the U.S. include people eating tortillas and being strong." (no stereotypes and/or broad generalizations please) Also, if you are going to draw upon personal experiences, you MUST back them up with evidence and support from a reputable, scholarly source.**

- Please attach your response ONLY in the form of a paper that is a Word, Rich Text, or PDF file.
- Include your name, assignment submission date, class meeting day and times (or indicate online class), instructor for the class, and the specific historical, political, and cultural factors influencing US development that you have chosen to highlight in your response.
- All papers should be submitted in twelve-point Times New Roman font using the template for 8 ½ x 11 inch white paper.
- Use a one-inch top and bottom margin and double space.
- The left and right margins should be 1.25 inches.
- Be sure to include page numbers.

- Do not include pictures.
- Do not plagiarize!
- You will receive a grade of zero for a plagiarized paper.
- A good rule of thumb is to footnote any place you use more than three or four of another author's words.
- Please consult www.plagiarism.org for tips on avoiding plagiarism.
- Include your bibliography. (This one should be "unannotated.")
- Be sure to use at least three references.
- One of the references should be your textbook for this class.
- No more than one of the references should be an encyclopedia.
- One of your sources should be a scholarly journal article.
- Do not use Wikipedia. It is quick and easy, but it is not a very dependable scholarly text. (Additionally, web sites ending in .com are usually not scholarly sources).
- Cite your sources using footnotes in Turabian or Chicago styled notation.

- Make sure you consult a style guide or website for help with citing your sources.
- Happy writing and do not forget to proof read your paper!