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Guidelines for the Integrated Reviews

General Guidelines: Integrated book reviews rest on the same foundation as conventional book reviews insofar as they must rightly identify the books' arguments, interventions, and limitations. In contrast to a review of a single book, however, integrated reviews need to distinguish and analyze the books' shared themes, underscoring divergences in emphasis, argument, and interpretation. Successful integrated reviews place the books in conversation with one another; they are not merely aggregations of brief book reviews that could ostensibly stand alone.

In the interest of making these reviews more useful to you going forward (and generally bolstering your grounding in the historiography of early American history), *each of these review essays must integrate at least two books listed under the recommended readings for the relevant weeks* in addition to the required material. Excellent reviews, of course, will bring in a broader swath of the required readings than just the books.

Guiding Question for the First Review: Since the books we will have covered by the time the first review is due center on the years that followed the initial contact between Europeans and Americans, the first integrated review should assess what the readings underscore about the first centuries of European colonization. What, in other words, characterized the colonial endeavor through the 16th and 17th centuries?

Guiding Question for the Second Review: The second third of the class takes up various aspects of life and governance in colonies that had fully matured. Consequently, your essay should seek explain what the readings reveal about the similarities and differences between the colonial experience in the various regions of British North America.

Length: These essays should run roughly 2,000 words.

Formatting: The *paper must be submitted in a Microsoft Word file*, and should be double-spaced in Times New Roman 12 point font using Word's default margins. There is no need to include a title page; instead your heading on the first page should look like the heading above, except where it says "your name" you should insert your name, and where it says "date," you should write the date you wrote it (or the date you're turning it in). The paper's title should reflect the argument of your integrated review. The paper must be submitted electronically vi email. **(Please save the paper with the file name: YourLastName, Review 1.)**

Citations: As for typical book reviews, quotations should be short. *There's no need for footnotes for any of the required or recommended readings, but the source of quotations*

should be identified in text and the page from which a quotation is drawn noted parenthetically at the end of the sentence in which it is included. While you may consult scholarly reviews of the books you are engaging, you may not plagiarize. If you do engage a book review or historiographic essay, you should insert a footnote with a full citation. Lest there be any confusion, all the ideas in the review must either be your own or expressly attributed and properly cited according the *Chicago Manual of Style*.

Due Dates:

First Review: Tuesday, June 23, 11:59pm.

Second Review: Tuesday, July 14, 11:59pm

Academic Misconduct: Please remember that this assignment, like all others, requires you to adhere to the Mississippi State Honor Code, which you can find both on the syllabus and at the bottom of this assignment. If you have questions about citations, please consult with the instructor.

Mississippi State University has an approved Honor Code that applies to all students. The code is as follows: **"As a Mississippi State University student I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do."**