

HIS 100 Historical Bias Short Response Guidelines and Rubric

Prompt: After reviewing Zinn’s and Schweikart’s personal assumptions, beliefs, and values through excerpts from their historical writing, respond to the following questions:

- What do you believe to be the major distinctions between the two’s personal assumptions, beliefs, and values?
- What do you believe to be the major distinctions in their interpretations of history?
- Do you notice any biases? If so, what are they?

Guidelines for Submission: Respond to all three questions. Each response should be two to three sentences in length.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Focus of Response	Provides focused and direct reflection to answer questions posed	Provides reflection, but the focus is unclear or unrelated to the questions posed	Does not provide a reflection	40
Length of Response	Answers provided are two to three sentences in length	Answers provided are only one sentence in length	Does not provide answers	30
Communicates Clearly	Clearly communicates key ideas and thoughts in a short answer response	Response needs clarification in order to support understanding of key ideas and thoughts	Response is not legible and key ideas or thoughts are not understandable	30
Total				100%