

History Assignment

1. **One Paragraph:** Take a moment to examine the primary sources provided, then reflect on the reign of William I (the Conqueror). What manner of leader and ruler does he appear to have been? What were his priorities? How did he go about pursuing those goals? What role did the Domesday Book play in these endeavors?

Research Links: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1186ASChron-William1.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1186ASChron-Domesday.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/basis/williamofnewburgh-one.asp#1>

2. **One Paragraph:** Consider the town charters that we reviewed during class and in the short readings. What were the key demands made by townfolk? What did nobles get out of these arrangements? Most importantly - what do you suspect the long-term consequences of these grants of urban privileges will be for the European world? How will the presence of a growing number of legally-protected cities reshape Europe's political and economic landscape?

Research Links: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1127stomer.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1224chartres.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1133hank1tax.asp>

3. **One Paragraph:** Look at the primary sources on college life and organization. What do these documents reveal about the structure and character of education and students in medieval Europe? How do these images of student life compare to your own lives and experiences?

Research Links: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/abelard-sel.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/courcon1.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/medievalstudentsongs.asp>

4. **One Paragraph:** Take a look at the sources for this week on the Black Plague - how does it seem to have impacted European society? How did the impact of this plague compare to the Plague of Justinian?

Research Links: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/boccacio2.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/jewish/1348-jewsblackdeath.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/froissart1.asp>
<https://www.bl.uk/learning/timeline/item126557.html>

5. **One Paragraph:** Consider the texts on church reform. What issues were plaguing the Catholic Church during the early moments of the Renaissance era? How do these issues relate to the political events of the day? How do they relate to past issues in the Church?

Research Links: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/grtschism1.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/grtschism2.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1409pisa.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/constance1.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1382wycliffe.asp>

6. **2 Pages:** Consider the primary sources provided dealing with the Crusades, and answer the following in a roughly 2-page short essay: What do these sources reveal about the character and motivations of the participants in the Crusades? What do they show us about the structure of European society, and the fractures and divisions within that society?

Research Links: <https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/abelard-sel.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/1096jews-mainz.asp>
<https://sourcebooks.fordham.edu/source/cde-letters.asp>