

HIST 101: Western Civilization
(Modern) Dr. Kreider Fall 2018

Keegan Paper Assignment
Due Thursday Nov. 15th , in class

As part of this class you have read John Keegan's analysis of both the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 and The Somme in 1916. Both chapters from his book analyze both the social and military aspects of these battles. In this paper you will basically compare these two battles, how warfare changed over this century, and what **those changes reflect about the larger societies of Western Europe, particularly Britain and France in this case.**

Review both articles and any notes that you may have taken. Read the textbook chapters on the First World War and Napoleonic campaigns. Then sit down and think about the major changes that occurred in battle over the century in between these two events. **How did industrialization impact the soldier's experience of war between Waterloo and the Somme, positively or negatively?** Issues to consider in your paper: How are the soldier's experiences of fighting different? Better? Worse? In what ways? How did these participants feel about what they were doing and their experiences? Has technology gotten more efficient and effective? Or not? Was that good for soldiers or not? Make sure you compare both battles.

Make an argument using a clear, easily identifiable thesis statement.

In a 4 page **minimum** paper, typed, **double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman** font with one inch margins, answer and address the above questions. Due **Thurs Nov. 15th in class** Your papers will be **graded on clarity, writing, content, argument.** Use spellcheck and grammar check! Then look closer. . because both are tricky and will play you false! I am happy to look over drafts and discuss these papers with you. **NO WIKIPEDIA or INTERNET usage allowed, unless you get a site APPROVED by the instructor ahead of time! Remember!** Plagiarism is illegal, unethical, and will result in a ZERO for the paper! That means identify in your sentence if you are quoting Keegan, or anyone else, and the page number. Either **website usage or plagiarism will lead to a ZERO on the paper**, which is worse than an F, and possibly an F in the course!

Some hints to remember:

1. Write in past tense. . .this all happened in the past, you read it in the past, so write in the past!
This will keep your verbs active. Do not use First Person. .no "I" in these papers.
The reader should be able to identify who is acting in each sentence, and it is not you!
2. Figure out a good thesis statement. Try starting with one of the following words:
If, When, Although, Because or Since. That thesis statement should be located in the first paragraph.
3. One idea to a paragraph. Paragraphs should be 4-5 sentences. Make sure each one has a topic sentence, then use specific examples from the articles to back up your points! Every sentence in a paragraph should be helping make your argument. . no filler!
4. Beware of RandoM capitAlization! Check for spelling and grammar mistakes! You have Spell Check, grammar check, etc. on your computers. Start with them, but do not trust them completely. Then read your paper out loud to yourself to catch errors in syntax and flow.
5. I want to see your thoughts on these articles and societies. Don't just quote massive amounts of the articles. I want you to pull evidence out of them, but not just repeat everything he said.