

LAW, POLITICS, AND JUSTICE

First Paper

Your first paper (4-6 typed and double-spaced pages) is due **Tuesday, February 11**. Please turn in both a hard copy in class and an electronic copy through Canvas on the due date. Late papers will lose one-third of a letter grade for each day they are late. The grading criteria will be based on the quality of your thesis and main ideas, analysis of textual evidence, clear writing, and overall organization. Make sure to consult the grading rubric as you write and revise your paper and proofread for proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar before turning in the paper. Refer to *The Chicago Manual of Style* (17th ed.) for any questions regarding style and usage. Plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course. When quoting or paraphrasing, place the page number in parentheses at the end of the cited material. For example, Hammurabi states, "I am Hammurabi, king of justice, to whom the god Shamash has granted [insight into] the truth" (135). Please use the following prompt to write your paper.

What is the purpose of law? Analyze key passages from the assigned readings to support your answer.