**REL 2300**
**Walters**

# Long Writing Assignment

Please write about the following subject in 3 to 5-page essay. Compare and contrast Zionism from its classic definition and the perspective of True Torah Jews. I have provided a few links to start your research. Feel free do your own independent research.

True Torah Jews
The Knesset's description of the history of the World Zionist Organization
What is Zionism?
Zionism Defined by a Jew

***This assignment is a comparative contrast research paper, and will incorporate the skills you have developed throughout this course, and will develop new skills in research. For this assignment, you will***

- **Research sources appropriate to your topic, and effectively use those sources as evidence to support and prove your thesis**. Although you may use articles provided, you can research independently and use outside sources*.
- **Compare two views about Zionism,** then you will state how those views informed, altered or confused your position. All body paragraphs must be focused and organized, clearly relating to the arguments made by the two groups and how that informed your point of view.
- **Cite all sources using MLA Format**. Your paper must include proper parenthetical citations and a Works Cited page

**Your research paper must be 3-5 pages, typed, double-spaced and in 12-point font and in MLA format.**

**Due Dates and Other Information Important for this Paper**

1. **View lecture on Covenants**
2. **Wednesday, November 17** the **First Draft** is due. However please note that this is a non-graded activity and optional. It is to be turned in by the due date if you would like the professor's feedback before you submit your final paper.
3. **Friday, November 22** the **Long Writing Assignment** due.

***A Few Notes about Required Sources**: Your sources must be reputable and reliable. Good sources include the following:

- Newspapers (*San Francisco Chronicle*, *New York Times*, etc.)
- Magazines (*Time*, *Newsweek*, etc.)
- Books
- Scholarly Journals
- Other Websites (Sites like Wikipedia are not acceptable.)

Remember that a well-researched paper will include a variety of sources. Also remember that for academic papers, books and scholarly journals tend to provide the best information.

**There are 10 total points available for this assignment based on the rubric below. Go over the rubric carefully to understand how your paper will be graded.**

## Grading Rubric

| Indicators (Potential Points) | Levels of Achievement | | | |
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| | Beginning (2) | Developing (3) | Competent (4) | Accomplished (5) |
| **Meaning and Development:** ideas, examples, reasons and evidence, point of view | **Inappropriate** No viable point of view; little or no evidence; weak critical thinking; providing insufficient reasons or other support | **Appropriate** Develops a point of view; demonstrating some critical thinking; may have some inadequate examples, reasons and other evidence of support | **Effective** Develops a point of view and demonstrates competent critical thinking; enough supporting detail to accomplish the purpose of the paper | **Insightful** Ideas are fresh, mature and extensively developed; insightfully develops a point of view and demonstrates outstanding critical thinking |
| **Conventions:** grammar. punctuation, spelling, paragraphing, format | **Distracting** Errors interfere with writer's ability to consistently communicate purpose; pervasive mechanical errors obscure meaning; inappropriate format | **Fundamental** Errors interfere with writer's ability to communicate purpose; contains an accumulation of errors; some weakness in format | **Controlled** Occasional errors do not interfere with writer's ability to communicate purpose; generally appropriate format | **Polished** Control of conventions contribute to the writer's ability to communicate purpose; free of most mechanical errors; appropriate format |