

HIST 102 – European History Since 1500 CE

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1500-Word Term Paper Assignment

Due: July 31, by 11pm

Read *Diary of a Young Girl*, by Anne Frank. Frank's diary does a remarkable job providing us a first-person account and unique perspective into the hardship perpetrated on "undesirables" and minorities during one of the worst genocides in history, that killed an estimated 15-20 million people! You will use this newfound understanding to write an essay on the following question:

What insights does *Diary of a Young Girl* provide into the experiences of those hunted by the NAZI regime throughout Europe? Build onto the semester thread of how Nationalism becomes a cult, why it targets minorities, what are the elements of fascist regimes, and explore how Anne Frank held on to her culture, her ideals, her hopes and her dreams in the face of such adversity?

Your paper must be at least 1500 words but no more than 1800 words.

You may only use the following approved sources in your paper (please note that any use of external internet sources is prohibited):

* *Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank (**PROVIDED IN PDF FILE FORMAT IN BLACKBOARD**)

* *The West in the World*, Sherman, Volume II

* Materials posted in Blackboard and McGraw-Hill Connect

Important notes on this assignment:

* Please refer to the rubric located on Blackboard. Review the rubric carefully as your paper will be graded using this rubric.

* Please note that you must use at least 3 examples/quotes from *Diary of a Young Girl* to support your argument.

* Your introduction should address the overarching themes of your answer to the question.

* Your thesis statement is extremely important and worth a significant portion of your overall paper grade. Make sure you take a position and have an argument. Be decisive!

A Note on Plagiarism:

All papers will be run through SafeAssign, which checks for plagiarism, please note that if you commit plagiarism, you will be caught, and this is an issue Mercy College takes very seriously. If you have questions please contact the professor and refer to the Mercy College Academic Integrity Policy, located on the course Blackboard site.

Paper Formatting

- All papers should be double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman, and have 1-inch margins.
- You must have a title page.
- Excluding the title page, each page should have the course number and your last name in the upper left-hand corner. You will have a page number on every page except the title page in the bottom center of the page.
- You must have a header that is on every page except the title page it should have the course number and your name. Example: HIST 102/YOUR NAME.
- Indent every paragraph and remember a paragraph is at least 3 sentences long.

- You must cite your sources in Chicago Manual of Style. This is exactly how you should footnote any quotes are parts of the book you paraphrase in your paper.

Paper Guidelines

A) A formal history paper must have a strong introduction and clear thesis. Your introduction must concisely and clearly explain what your paper is about. The thesis is the *stated central argument around which your paper is based*. The goal of the paper will be to convince the reader of the truth of your argument, so it is absolutely necessary that the reader knows what that argument is.

B) A historical paper must provide clear analysis of its evidence, revealing and explaining to the reader the information that proves its point(s). Once you have decided on an argument (which will likely come to you after you have read a good deal of the book), you must then go about proving it. You cannot merely *tell* the reader that what you argue is true; you must *show* your reader what you argue is true. Make sure that every assertion is backed by evidence. Leave out material that does not matter with regards to your thesis. *Use judiciously selected quotes from your source(s) to show exactly why you are arguing your points.*

C) An essay should be logical in its organization at every level. Make sure that sentences make sense and contribute to the overall argument of the paper. Make sure that adjacent sentences relate to one another. Each paragraph should focus on one idea or topic. Like sentences, paragraphs should flow from one to the next with meaningful transitions. The entire construction of the paper should be working in an orderly fashion to build support for your thesis.

You will need to revise your paper to make sure that it is well-organized. Making an outline either before or after you have written it might help. A **second draft** (and third) will improve your paper, make your instructor happier, and result in a better grade.

Please take advantage of the **Writing Center at Mercy College** and have your paper edited. You can find information about in-person writing consultations at the following website. <https://www.mercy.edu/academics/academic-student-services/academic-tutoring/writing-tutoring>
If you are able to meet with someone in-person you are also able to schedule a virtual writing consultation at <http://mercy.libcal.com/>

D) Turning in your paper. You must submit through Blackboard in the Week # 9 folder by 31 July, 11 PM. Late papers will be deducted 25%, each calendar day the paper is late.

NO EXCEPTIONS!