

Week Two Assignment – Reflection Essay

26 March 2018

Due Date for Essay: Posted on BB course site no later than Friday, 30 March by 11:59pm. Late postings are not accepted.

Total Points Possible: 100

See grading rubric for scoring.

Please choose one of the two essay questions below to answer.

1. Explain and describe how Newton's scientific discoveries influenced political science and the minds of the Founding Fathers in the 18th century. Provide evidence how Newton's influence in the 18th century impacted the design and structure of the new American political system.
2. Compare and contrast how the ideas of Locke were used to legitimize and justify the Glorious Revolution of 1689 and later by Jefferson to legitimize the American Revolution in 1776. Provide evidence how Locke's ideas are embedded in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

All the sources needed to complete this assignment are available in the content area of our BB course site. We reviewed most of these links and the material at the first and second class meetings. You also can use the textbook chapters assigned for Weeks One and Two. Refer to Locke's Natural Rights Theory and the Declaration and Constitution themselves. The words in these documents reflect the original intent of the Founders.

The essay must be at least one full page and no more than two full pages in length, single-space, 12-font. Grammar and composition count as much as content in your grade for the Week Two assignment. It should be written in your own words. Be factual but be original. There is no need to use formal source citations for this assignment. You will be all be utilizing the same primary resource materials such as the Declaration of Independence, Locke's ideas, etc.

Please contact me with questions!!

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BONUS SECTION – for 100 additional points (to be added into your course total at the end of the semester), tell me in one or two paragraphs at the end of your essay what you learned about the historical context of the American political system and political culture that impressed you the most.