

History 5312: Readings and Research

BASIC INFORMATION

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Land Acknowledgement

Sul Ross State University is on the ancestral lands of the Jumanos, Lipan Apaches, Comanches, Kiowas, Plains Apaches, Mescalero Apaches and Chisos Apaches.

Readings

Readings will be determined in conversation between the instructor and the student.

ASSIGNMENTS

Grades

Each person earns their own grade. My job as the instructor is to assess your work along clearly articulated guidelines and expectations. I also value and reward improvement. It is therefore critical that you do all assignments, attend all class sessions, and participate in all discussions. Remember, you are a contributor, a co-learner, and a fellow investor in our collective educational experience.

Participation (50%)

Extended Reflections (30%)

Historiography Essay (10%)

POLICIES

Contact

Please contact me via email or speak to me during my office hours. During the work week (Monday through Friday), I will do my best to respond to your email within 24 hours.

Conduct

All are welcome in my classroom. I expect you to treat your fellow classmates and any guests with empathy, kindness, and respect. Remember that we (myself, you and your peers) can make mistakes. In that circumstance, I ask for grace for both myself and your colleagues. I hope to extend that same grace to you.

Academic Integrity

Students who violate academic integrity will receive a zero on the associated assignment. Some examples of violations of academic integrity are plagiarism, failure to properly cite sources of information, or submitting papers written by someone else (including with the assistance of artificial intelligence). To be successful in this class, your work must be yours and yours alone.

Technology

Laptops and phones in this class are a privilege and not a right; if I catch you using your laptop or phone for something other than class, I will ask you to put it away.

Reasonable Accommodation and Extenuating Circumstances

In the event of illness, a death in your family, or other catastrophic personal crisis, I will be sympathetic and flexible, *provided* that you alert me as soon as possible and preferably in advance of an assignment's due date. Belated excuses will not account for poorly done or late work. You will need to support any medical excuses with the appropriate, written documentation. I will also work with you to accommodate long term extenuating circumstances, such as pregnancy and childbirth, limited transportation, childcare, limited access to the internet, limited access to permanent housing, or other issues. While I cannot solve these problems, I will work with you.

RESOURCES

Students with Disabilities

Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities, but it is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Students seeking accessibility services must contact:

Mary Schwartze

Ferguson Hall, Room 112

Mailing address: P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832

Phone: 432-837-8691

Email: mschwartze@sulross.edu

As a person with disabilities, I hope you will take advantage of these resources.

Lobo Food Pantry

The Lobo Pantry serves as a temporary, judgement free, resource for students experiencing food and financial insecurity. All currently enrolled students are eligible to use the Lobo Pantry services.

Counseling

Sul Ross has partnered with TimelyCare. All SRSU students will have access to nine free counseling sessions. You can learn more about this 24/7/365 support by visiting [Timelycare/SRSU](https://timelycare.com/srsu). The SR Counseling and Accessibility Services office will continue to offer in-person counseling in Ferguson Hall room 112 (Alpine campus).

Academic Assistance

As an SRSU student, you have access to several programs designed to assist your academic performance. If you need help with writing, contact the SRSU Writing Center via Blackboard: https://shsu.blackboard.com/ultra/organizations/_195798_1/cl/outline or via Robin Alvarez (Writing Center Coordinator) at rka19ro@sulross.edu. You also have access to the Lobo Den Tutoring Center at Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library. Anthony Quintana is Coordinator of Tutoring Services: anthony.quintana@sulross.edu.

Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers free resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, library.sulross.edu. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or phone (432-837-8123).

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