

US History

Gen Ed assessment – essay question – HIST 2111

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A “turning point” is more than just a historic event; it is a point in time that marks a decisive change. A turning point refers to an event after which things are no longer the same as they had been.

An example from world history: On August 6, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. This was a turning point in history, because things changed significantly because of the bomb. We can see tremendous changes in global politics and economics, for example, as well as in a number of social and cultural areas.

In an essay of about 300 words (the equivalent of about one type-written page), describe a turning point in American history in the time period covered by HIST 2111 (to 1877). Your essay should clearly describe the event and then, more important, show why it should be considered a turning point. That is, how did it change things?

If you chose to do this extra credit assignment, I will replace your lowest quiz score with a perfect 10. **In the event that all of your quiz scores have been perfect—and only in that event--** I will give you 5 points on the 1st exam and 5 points on the 2nd exam.

NOTE: For this assignment, you are discussing something that we have covered in class! I will not accept any essay that covers a topic I have not taught. This assignment is designed to demonstrate what you have learned in our class. No outside research is necessary or—in this case—appropriate!

You must rely on your own notes from class and do your own work or you will not receive the extra credit. **YOU WILL SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY TO THE ASSIGNMENTS FEATURE IN D2L Bright Space by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 26th (Our last class meeting day).** I will not accept late essays! I will also be using the Originality Check feature in D2L. If you plagiarize your essay in any way, you will not receive the extra credit!

