

## **Grading criteria for History Papers:**

### **Mechanics of the Paper (i.e. style and form):**

- You carefully construct your entire paper to introduce, discuss, and conclude; body of paper makes its case through logical order of exposition.
  - Paragraphs function as discrete units, with use of concrete evidence to support your claims.
  - Paper demonstrates mastery of standard written English grammar and usage and uses an appropriated system of reference, i.e. Chicago Style.
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### **Intellectual Rigor and Historical Analysis:**

- Paper shows capacity to formulate historical question; you carefully structure your inquiry to answer the question posed and excludes irrelevant material.
  - Paper provides evidence from a variety of primary or secondary resources to back up your claims, either descriptive or causal.
  - Paper clearly locates argument in time and space, i.e. you make clear what period you are writing about throughout the paper.
  - Paper analyzes evidence and demonstrates its significance in relation to the historical question posed.
  - Argument and evidence are consistent throughout the paper, i.e. you do not contradict yourself, or fail to prove what you set out to prove.
  - Your argument and evidence are consistent with the state of scholarly knowledge.
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