

HIS 299: UnEssay

Criteria	Needs Improvement	Competent	Proficient
Planning Assignments (Formative Assessments)			
Project Plan & Bibliography	0-5 points No plan submitted. Sources are not appropriate (ie unapproved internet sources), contains few or no references, no bibliography.	6-8 points Plan needs more detail. Uses appropriate sources, contains references and bibliography but does not use Chicago Style.	9-10 points Detailed project plan submitted. Appropriate sources and correct Chicago Style formatting.
Research Meeting	0-1 points Did not meet	2-3 points Met, student did not prepare materials	4-5 points Met with prepared materials
UnEssay Draft	0-5 points Did not complete a draft or did not meet word count.	6-8 points Draft was incomplete or did not focus on appropriate object. Did not use Chicago Style references.	9-10 points Complete draft of. Met word count and Chicago Style formatting
Peer Review	0-1 points Did not turn in peer review	2-3 points Peer review superficial or incomplete	4-5 points Constructive peer review submitted
Final Product (Summative Assessment)			
Thesis Statement	0-1 points Vague or absent thesis statement, unrelated to the body of the essay	2-3 points Imprecise thesis statement but related to the essay	4-5 points Specific and clear thesis statement related to the assignment
Analysis	0-10 points Analysis incomplete. Does not reference primary and secondary source material.	11-17 points Analysis superficial or unclear. Infrequently references primary and secondary source materials.	18-20 points Clear connections to historiography.
Historiography	0-10 points Little to no evaluation of historians' use of the analytical lens in history scholarship.	11-17 points Some evaluation of historians' work as part of the subdisciplines and historiography	18-20 points Well-supported overview of scholarship in the subdisciplines and their relationship to one another
Periodization and Framework	0-5 points Analysis lacks a clear framework framed by a logical periodization in historiography.	6-8 points Analysis has implied periodization and framework but needs to be made explicit or does not complement the analysis	9-10 points Analysis has a clear periodization and chronological framework grounded in historiography
Professional Writing	0-9 points Informal or passive voice throughout. Tone inappropriate for the audience. Uncited use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools. Does not include references.	10-13 points Tone inappropriate for professional audience. Occasional informal or passive voice. Inappropriate use of AI tools. Reference incomplete or not in Chicago Style	14-15 points Few spelling or grammatical errors. Appropriate professional tone and word choice. Appropriate AI use. Chicago Style references.