

This paper will showcase your ability to understand, use, and evaluate different historical sources about a particular topic of your own choosing. You will be comparing how your topic is written about in 3 kinds of sources:

- a textbook (a “tertiary” source, as Loewen calls it)
- a secondary source, i.e. one scholarly article or book
- at least 2 relevant primary sources

Since the number of sources is so few, they need to be of very high quality. You may need to find, read and evaluate many secondary and primary sources in order to get 1 secondary and 2 primary that all work well together.

Some examples of what you're looking for or might be doing in your paper:

- compare/ contrast
- evaluate accuracy & interpretation
- discuss changes in portrayal over time (at the time vs. now)

Your paper should be 4-6 pages long (1000-1500 words) and use correct and full citations in Chicago Style. This means BOTH footnotes and an attached bibliography (not part of the page count). See Rampolla, Chapter 7, for further explanation.

The sources for your each paper should be completely documented if you accessed them as paper print sources. For electronic or non-print sources – find a way to show them to me... possibilities include: attach printouts (obviously this is the least environmentally friendly option!), upload as files to your ePortfolio, organize them in a public Zotero folder, or hyperlink to them from a page on your Google Site.