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**Paper details:**

The government of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i was overthrown in 1893 with the aide of U.S. military forces – this historical event is not disputed by many, though there are those who argue over whether or not the U.S. involvement in the overthrow was intentional and unlawful/illegal. Certainly at issue in scholarly debates surrounding the history of 19th century Hawai‘i is the extent to which western powers imposed their will upon the people of Hawai‘i prior to the overthrow. Thus the question remains for many (and now for you): Was Hawai‘i colonized by Euro-Americans and/or their agents during the 19thcentury? Or rather, were the changes that took place in the kingdom a result of 19th century Native Hawaiian efforts to modernize and maintain the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i? Please consider carefully the evidence that has been placed before you throughout the semester in our course of study and then articulate your answer to the above question in a 3-4 page essay, double-spaced, computer-generated (Times New-Roman 12pt font), through which you will demonstrate both your understanding of the historical evidence (providing examples and explanations when necessary) and your analysis of that history. You should cite at least three (3) sources in the body of your essay, from our course of study, as a way of supporting your point of view. Citations should be made in footnotes, according to Chicago/Turabian style. Please also underline your thesis statement prior to submitting your paper at the final exam.