# **House Divided During the Antebellum Era**

### Essay submission is a three-step process. Each step has its own point value. Total points possible is 100 points. If you do not submit an essay by the due date you will receive a **zero** on the **entire** assignment. An insufficient submission is 50% (550 words) or less of the 3-page (1,100 word) writing assignment.

### **Step 1:** Essay Outline and Thesis Statement Due Wednesday, 7/8 by 11:59 PM – 5 Points. Upload your outline and thesis statement to the Outline and Thesis Statement assignment link in your Canvas classroom. See the handout Six Simple Steps for Writing a Research Essay for assistance. Located in the Essay Instructions section and the Outline and Thesis Statement Review assignment link.

### **Step 2:** Essay Due Thursday, 7/16 by 11:59 PM – 75 Points. Upload your final, plagiarism free essay to the Essay Due assignment link in your Canvas classroom. Do not forget to check your Originality Report prior to your final submission

### **Step 3:** Self-Evaluation Form Due Thursday, 7/16 by 11:59 PM – 20 Points. Use this form to self-evaluate your essay for common errors. Upload the completed form to the Self-Evaluation Form assignment link in your Canvas classroom. This form will be reviewed for accuracy by the instructor when grading the essay.

### **Essay Topic:** (Locks, et al. Chapter 15): Identify and critically analyze two (2) of the causes of national division during the Antebellum Era. Please choose from the choices below and use specific examples to support your ideas.

### Possible choices: 1) Regional economic differences: industry versus agriculture, 2) Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, 3) Abolition Literature, 4) Election of 1860

### **Research Specifications:** for this research essay you will need to go to the library, access an online library catalog/journal database, and / or use the Internet. You must include one quote from each of the following in your essay:

1. The required video source: America the Story of Us: Division
   1. The video is located in your Canvas classroom
2. One (1) secondary source of your choice, but it must be an academic source
   1. Academic sources: History journal articles, a book published by a University Press, a website created by a historical foundation or university
   2. DO NOT use a reference source: encyclopedia
   3. DO NOT use your textbook as your required secondary source

### **Essay Construction Specifications:**

* Your 3-page (1,100 words) essay must include one short (1-5 words) quote from the required source and one short (1-5 words) quote from the academic secondary source
  + Quotes may NOT be longer than 5 words!
  + A total of 2 quotes (one from each source)
  + Hint: quotes should provide the opinion of your author and be worked into your sentence to provide evidence to support your position. Do not quote information that is commonly known or a statistic
* Your essay needs to be in APA format
  + Title page
  + 3-page essay
  + Reference page
    - A total of 5-pages
    - No Abstract
  + For assistance with APA format:
    - See the APA Cheat Sheet and Sample Essay located in the Canvas classroom
    - Use the APA Format weblinks located in the Canvas classroom
* DO NOT use Wikipedia!
* DO NOT plagiarize! An essay with plagiarism will receive zero points
* Insufficient work is 50% (550 words) or less of the 3-page writing requirement and will result in zero points
* Questions? Contact me by Canvas Inbox

### **Extra Credit Opportunity:** Due \_7/16\_ by 11:59 PM - 5 points

### Submit your essay to NetTutor for review. After NetTutor evaluates your essay they will send a report back to you with comments. Please take their advice into consideration when finalizing your essay. Download and save the NetTutor report and upload the report to the Essay Extra Credit assignment link in Canvas. Access NetTutor by clicking on the NetTutor button on the left side of your screen.

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