

HY365 – History of Islamic Civilization from 1453
Paper Assignment
Fall 2009

Please write a 10-12 page paper on a topic of your choice that is related to the history of Islamic Civilization from 1453 to the present. You must present a strong thesis statement related to your analysis of primary and secondary sources. This should not be a narrative account, nor should you simply regurgitate what you've read in your secondary sources. **Don't reinvent the wheel!** I am looking for your analysis, especially of the primary source(s) in your work!

Your paper must include a title page and bibliography of cited works. You must cite your sources using the Turabian citation method (Chicago Manual of Style). Your paper must be typed, double-spaced, with one inch margins on all sides. Please include page numbers on all pages except the title page. The bibliography and title pages are not to count toward the 10-12 page requirement. Any paper shorter than 9.5 pages or longer than 13 pages will be penalized. The pages must be stapled in the upper left-hand corner of the work.

The Paper Assignment is broken down as follows:

Preliminary Bibliography:

Your preliminary bibliography must include three sources, including one primary source, one monograph, and one recent journal article (must have been published within the last ten years). This must be typed, and must appear in the appropriate Turabian format, with the sources being listed in alphabetical order according to the author's last name. For other aspects of this format, please refer to Turabian or the Chicago Manual of Style. Your preliminary bibliography is due no later than **Monday, October 19, 2009**.

Paper Outline:

Your paper outline must include your thesis statement, as well as three supporting points. Each supporting point must itself be supported by a direct quote from one of your sources. At least one of these quotes must be from your primary source. This must be typed, double spaced, with one inch margins on all sides. You must include a bibliographic entry for the sources used in this assignment. This assignment is due no later than **Monday, November 2, 2009**.

Paper:

Your paper must follow the format and other requirements as stated above. Your final bibliography must include at least six sources, including the three listed on the preliminary bibliography. Your paper is due no later than **Monday, November 16, 2009**.

Graded papers will be returned to you at the Final Exam.