

**HY365-101/History of Islamic Civilization from 1453**  
**Paper Assignment**  
**Spring 2011**

Please write a ten (10) page research paper on the topic of your choice that adheres to the chronological and geographical limits of the course, as well as to the subject matter – Islamic Civilization. You are to use at least one primary source to support your thesis statement, and must supplement this through the use of academic secondary sources. All topics and sources **must** be approved by me in advance.

Your paper must be typed, double-spaced, and have one-inch margins on all sides. You must have a title page, which must include the paper's title, your name, the course number, and the date. Your paper must include all appropriate citations, including footnotes and bibliography/works cited page. All of these citations must adhere to the Turabian citation system (Chicago Manual of Style). All pages must be numbered, excluding the title page. Neither the bibliography nor the title page is included in the ten pages required for the paper.

You must have at least six sources total for your paper, including at least one primary source, one monograph, and one journal article. The primary source may be taken from your primary source reader, but **must** support your thesis statement. The monograph must be a scholarly work. The journal article must come from a scholarly journal and should be fairly recent, but if no recent articles are available, older articles will be accepted. You are encouraged to look for book reviews of your monograph sources. You will be permitted to use electronic sources, but – again – these must be approved by me in advance. **All** of your sources must be approved by me in advance.

**Your topic and preliminary bibliography is due no later than Tuesday, February 15, 2011.**

This assignment must be typed and follow approved bibliographic format. For this preliminary bibliography, you must include your primary source, monograph, and journal article. As many of your sources will need to be ordered from other libraries, please begin as soon as possible, as it can take two weeks or more for a book or article to arrive.

**The final copy of your paper is due no later than Tuesday, April 26, 2011.**

As stated in the syllabus, all assignments that are turned in after the due date will be assessed a five-point penalty (on a 100 point scale) for each calendar day that it is late. The only exception to this rule is in case of an excused absence.