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Paper ONE

Title of your paper
(subfield of Geography and Region)

This paper should be double spaced and be approximately six pages in length. That equals approximately one thousand-five hundred words (not including the bibliographic and heading information). The bibliography/works cited should be on the last page of the paper Use footnotes at the bottom of each page following the Chicago Manual of Style. Please use Times Roman or other serif typeface with a 12 point font (This is set in Goudy Old Style). Do not use Calibri, Arial, or another sanserif font.

Do not include any extra space between paragraphs. The default setting for many word processing programs (including MS Word) adds space. Learn how to change the settings. The paragraphs should be indented and use a “ragged right” (align left) justification. There is a short style sheet for using the Chicago Manual of Style format available on the course website. Or you can follow the style shown above. Remember to follow the pattern of quotes, italics and punctuation exactly.

Some guidelines and suggestions:

1. Be careful to avoid plagiarism.
2. DO NOT rely on AI programs such as ChatGPT.
3. Follow the Chicago Manual of Style for both the footnotes and the Bibliography.
4. Have a friend read over your paper and carefully consider any “automatic hints” that your word procession program offers for spelling and grammar.
5. Keep focused on your topic. Start broad and then narrow your discussion to a single aspect of your topic.
6. Create a timeline for research and writing
7. Remember the due date - **OCTOBER 15**
8. Don't think you can start and finish the paper over fall break.
9. It is not a sign of weakness to ask for help from the library staff or me -

From the Course syllabus:

Exams, Papers and Presentations:

Students will take three in-class exams. The first will be a map exam. This will include the basics of map reading, identifying regions and selected countries and topics discussed in chapters 1-3. The mid-term and final exams will include objective (multiply choice, matching and map identification) and short-answer/short-essay questions. See class schedule for the dates.

Students will also take periodic on-line quizzes. The schedule for these quizzes will be announced in class.

Each student will complete two 1500 word (approximately 6 pages) papers. A 15 minute class presentation will be given to discuss the second paper. The due dates for topic selection and paper are on the class schedule. Selection of student topics will be made on a first come-first serve basis using email date-time beginning one week before the selection due date. Any student, who has not made a selection by the beginning of class on the due date, will have the topic randomly assigned by the instructor. Dates for papers and presentations will be assigned at that time.

The first paper will be an analysis of one of Geographic Regions discussed in chapters 4-7 using one of the Subfields of Geography. No two students may select the same region or subfield.

The second paper and presentation will be an analysis of one of the Geographic Regions discussed in chapters 8-11 using one of the Subfields of Geography that is in the different grouping (Human vs Physical Geography) than the student used for the first paper. No two students may use the same region and subfield. The second student paper is due at the beginning of the class meeting prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday and the presentations will be giving the final week of regular classes