

CALIFORNIA HISTORY, HST 370 S17

CULTURE IN CALIFORNIA HISTORY

FINAL ESSAY PROMPT

Read the following:

“We Owe It All to the Hippies”

http://members.aye.net/~hippie/hippie/special_.htm

THE ASSIGNMENT:

Write an essay of around 800 words (but in any case, no less than 750 and no more than 850 words) commenting on this story. Consider the elements of desire, ballyhoo, utopianism, pioneering creativity, rejection of the conventional, alternative gender identity or sexual expression, and/or naturalism expressed or implied by this article. How do these knit into or relate to the broader history of California and its culture? The previous list is not definitive. You may have some other ideas about what elements make up California culture; feel free to develop those ideas.

An essay that just confines itself to linking the development of computers to the counterculture of the sixties will be considered inadequate (D/65-level work). What other elements of the history of California resonate with the themes and ideas of this article? You may use evidence learned in other units (ideas like diversity, food culture, and Californians' relationships to its environment, race & race relations etc.). In any case, analyze this article through the lens of the history of California.

As you will have only 800 words, you must focus your argument carefully by starting with a well-crafted thesis.

For evidence to support your argument, your response ***must*** rely on the materials, lectures, and videos we have encountered in this class. Apt use of this evidence will be one of the key hallmarks of an excellent response. **YOUR ARGUMENT MUST RELY ENTIRELY ON YOUR HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE.** You may relate this history to some of the arguments being made in the article, but your argument must mainly draw on a historical perspective. The richer your historical argument, the higher your evaluation will be.

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions may be viewed as a rubric. Papers that meet all these requirements will be judged of highest quality, and those that fail to do so will be judged of lower quality.

- Your paper should begin with an introductory paragraph that states the thesis of your paper. A thesis is a statement of the opinion or point of view you will develop and support in your paper. It should be specific, and it should suggest how you will support your opinion.
- It might be possible to write this paper **WITHOUT** drawing on the readings, discussions, and lectures for this class, but papers that don't rely exclusively on an analysis of class materials to support their thesis will be deemed unsatisfactory (D/65) work.
- Your rendering of the evidence from sources must be accurate.

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- Every aspect of your paper should engage with supporting your thesis.
- The ideas you express should follow a logical sequence that builds to the complete proof of your thesis.
- The language you use should be clear and free of grammatical or spelling errors.
- The paper should have your name and class time on each page. Please do not include a title page.
- The paper should be double-spaced with the first line of each paragraph indented a half inch. See the example on the following page. Papers that do not conform to this formatting rule will not be read and will earn the grade 55(F). Be sure that you select DOUBLE SPACED from your word processing program's formatting menu. I WILL BE VERY STRICT ABOUT THIS RULE.
- Your paper should be no less than 750 and no more than 850 words. This parameter refers to the actual text of the paper exclusive of headers and title, etc. Papers that do not conform to this format will not be read and will earn the grade of 55(F). That means if actual text of your paper excluding headers, titles etc. is 749 words or less or 851 words or more your paper will not be read and will have earned a score of 55(F). I WILL BE VERY STRICT ABOUT THIS RULE
- Tips on creating a thesis can be found on the course website.

TURNING IN YOUR PAPER

All papers are to be turned in via the Turnitin link JUNE 5, by 3:30PM. No late papers will be accepted.

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