

BOOK REVIEW

Historical Fiction, historical Biography or other history (Academic or Popular)

In a 4-5 page typed formal book review, cover the following criteria:

- **Write a summary of the text covering main themes or theses and main events within the story or actual history. Identify main characters and the over-all plot. Provide a sample of the writing from a section of the work. (1-2 pages)**
- **Explain the author's motivation for writing the book—a short biography may be required. (1 Page)**
- **Remember every author has a background/angle. What is this author's ? (.5-1 Page)**
- **Use two critics to evaluate the book. Who are these critics and where are they from? They must be valid/academic. Use two direct quotes in this phase of the paper to show their evaluation of the work. (1 Page)**
- **Write your own critical view of the book you read. How has it impacted you? What was your favorite part? Where did it fall short? Would you recommend it for a history class? Why or why not? (.5-1Page)**