





significant and worthy of commentary. It must be submitted before or on October 10. (You are encouraged to submit your essays well before this deadline, which, like objects in a rearview mirror, are closer than they appear.) The choices of authors and works for the seminar presentations will be circulated shortly after the beginning of term and the presentations delivered shortly before or after Reading Week.

The research essay (approximately 2,500 words, plus Works Cited) may emerge from the seminar presentation, or focus on a related or different topic. The preparatory, annotated bibliography/works cited must include no fewer than six items and must be submitted at least a week before the research essay. The research essay itself may be submitted at any time after November 14, and no later than a week after the final seminar, which is on December 5.

**Policy on Late Essays:**

Anyone who has a valid reason for not meeting an essay deadline must give me that reason before the due date and arrange for an extension. Otherwise, late essays will be penalized at a rate of 2% a day to a maximum of 10 days, including weekends, after which they may not be accepted.

**Mark Distribution:**

The brief essay will be worth 15%, the seminar presentation 20%, the research essay 45%, and the preparatory bibliography/works cited 10%, with the remaining 10% based on attendance and participation.

