

Instructions:

- *Italic font* shows where you type your identification
- By submitting this form you are confirming that you agree to each of the items listed.
- If you do not understand any item, please email your instructor its **number** and briefly say your issue. I will be glad to talk with you in person or by phone. Your emails will also determine what I build (such as short videos) first.

Last Name: *Type Last Name.* **First Name:** *Type First Name* **Date:** *Type the date you submit this.*

Texas and Its New Standard for History

Texas has a new standard for history teachers—and others—to use to help college students: personal responsibility. Following the 5 Good Habits for Evidence is a matter of personal responsibility, especially since not following some of these 5 Good Habits for Evidence can be a form of cheating.

You may or may not already know these 5 habits, but you are the only one who can make this happen in your written assignments. By submitting this form, you are confirming that you recognize this responsibility. If you need help, contact your instructor. (I will be glad to help you.)

By submitting this form, you are confirming that you:

1. Used the links and resources in the 5 Good Habits for Evidence folder, including the first one.
2. Understand the History Department's requirement that all history courses have a minimum of 25% of the course grade (the final letter grade) based on writing means you **must** do at least some of the writing assignments.

This example from a 1000-point course (750 points for objective work and 250 points for writing assignments) may help: If you did **no** writing assignments and **only** attempted objective work (750 possible points) and did

- C work (70%) on the objective assignments, then you'd have 70% of 750 points= 525 out of the 1000 – an F
- B work (80%) on the objective assignments, then you'd have 80% of 750 points= 600 out of the 1000 – a D
- A work (90%) on the objective assignments, then you'd have 90% of 750 points= 675 out of the 1000 – a D
- Perfect work (100%) on the objective assignments, then you'd have 100% of 750 points= 750 out of the 1000 – a C

3. Understand that each writing assignment has a grade on content and a separate grade for following **all** of the 5 Good Habits for Evidence on that assignment.

Also realize that separate grade makes it possible for students to **earn** a good grade even though they may be inexperienced writers or inexperienced with history.

4. Understand that you will be graded on these 5 Good Habits for Evidence:
 - Good Habit for Evidence 1: Reliable Sources Only
 - Good Habit for Evidence 2: Factual Accuracy That You Verify with the Reliable Source Before You Write
 - Good Habit for Evidence 3: Factual Accuracy That Is Verifiable for Every Statement You Make
 - Good Habit for Evidence 4: No "Half-Copy" Plagiarism or "Patchwriting"
 - Good Habit for Evidence 5: Quotation Changes Revealed Clearly
5. Accept the responsibility to proof your own work (catch your own errors) and correct them before submitting your work.
6. Understand that all writing assignments are graded on these 5 Good Habits for Evidence, but that formal writing assignments are submitted in Turnitin—a tool which includes a plagiarism checker.
7. Understand that the rubric is weighted:
 - 60% of the total points for Reading FOR Evidence
 - 30% for Writing WITH Evidence
 - 5% for Directions for Evidence
 - 5% for Mechanics

Also realize that accuracy of reading is the key to a good grade on content.

8. If you did not understand something, you asked.

What Happens Next?

Your instructor enters the points and you will be able to see the first writing assignment you do. The Course Schedule (at the end of the syllabus) tells you its due date. **It is a practice one, but it is required to see the other writing assignments.**