

### Guidelines for the Review Assignment

For this assignment, choose one of the following two options, and craft a paper of at least 750 words demonstrating close analysis of a single text or historical artifact. It should, of course, relate to the themes of the course in some way, but need not be from the period we've so far covered. Title the paper and make sure you cite your source(s) using either MLA or Chicago Style (whichever you are more accustomed to using). Provide a word count at the end of your paper. Electronic submission or hard copy – either is fine.

**OPTION 1. MONOGRAPH BOOK REVIEW.** Select and read one scholarly monograph\* on a course-related topic, and write a 750-word book review of the work, addressing its contribution to the field of US Constitutional history. In preparation, you may find it helpful to read other scholarly reviews of that same work so that you can assess that contribution and the monograph's critical reception; a JSTOR or EBSCO host search with the "Reviews" filter on will bring up book reviews in peer-reviewed journals. This can be one of the books you're using for your research project.

**OPTION 2. FILM REVIEW.** Select and analyze one feature film or full-length documentary on a course-related topic, and write a 750-word review of the work, addressing its utility in teaching secondary students about US Constitutional history. This can be a source you're planning to use in your research project.

\*i.e. written by a college/university professor, published by a university press, or reviewed in a scholarly peer-reviewed journal. A collection of essays or primary sources is not a monograph. A monograph makes a book-length, evidence-based, well-cited sustained argument on a single topic.