

HISTORY 279

(section G2)

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Required Texts: After the Fact - James Davidson & Mark Lytle
Canada: A Story of Challenge - J. M. S. Careless
Readings in Canadian History - R. Douglas Francis & David Smith
(Post-Confederation)

Evaluation: 2 historical essays - due February 14 & March 28
mid-term exam - February 21
final exam

EACH IS WORTH 25%

The essays are not term papers. Their purpose is to help you clarify, by discussing a historical issue, your own values and ideas. The exercise is therefore both historical and intellectual. You should begin by asking what historical details might help you justify your understanding of a particular topic. In your discussion you must substantiate the credibility of these details, and explain how and why they fit into your general argument. In other words, there should be a debate within the paper. It should not be just a research paper in which details are amassed. Throughout the paper, you should also be asking yourself what your "interpretation" suggests about your own assumptions, values and ideas.

All marks will be assigned on a 1-9 basis. Five will be considered an average mark. There will also be a bonus provision based on quality of class discussion and overall commitment to the course. Not everyone will necessarily receive a bonus mark. You will be eligible for this only if you have fulfilled the other requirements for the course. The bonus mark will be awarded on a 1-4 scale. It will be added to your mark total, and your final grade will be arrived at by dividing by 4. No class averaging will be done.

If work is handed in late there will be no opportunity to rewrite, and there will be no comments written on them other than a general one accompanying the mark for the paper. If by the time I am ready to submit final marks to the Registrar I have not received all of the required work for the course, I will total whatever marks I have and still divide by 4. At any time when special circumstances prevail, you should consult with me about extensions, incompletes, etc.

Class Discussions Schedule

1. Introduction
2. After the Fact
3. Chapter 14 (Careless) : Topic 1 (Readings)

HEREAFTER, "CHAPTER" REFERS TO CARELESS'S BOOK, AND "TOPIC" REFERS TO THE BOOK OF READINGS

4. Chapter 15 , Topics 2 & 3
5. Chapter 16 : Topics 4 & 5
6. Topics 6 & 7
7. Chapter 17 : Topic 9
8. Chapter 18 : Topics 8, 10 & 11
9. Chapter 19 : Topic 12
10. Chapter 20 : Topic 13
11. Topic 15
12. Topic 14